

Multi-State Freight Working Group
Off-Shore Wind Development Needs and Implications for Regional Planning and Transportation
Virtual Workshop
Speaker Bios

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David Behrend	David Behrend is the Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and has held various positions over his more than 22 years with the agency. Prior to joining the NJTPA, he worked as a journalist in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, specializing in transportation, the environment, development, and related areas. He has a bachelor's degree in Government from Cornell University and a master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. He is also a 2012 Lead New Jersey Fellow.
Matt Shields	Matt Shields is a Senior Offshore Wind Analyst at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). He specializes in cost modeling, supply chain and economic analysis, and leads the offshore wind techno-economic analysis portfolio at NREL. This role involves developing new open-source modeling tools and conducting analysis to provide insights into key technology trends and constraints facing the offshore wind industry. Dr. Shields received his Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida in 2014 and was a faculty member at Seattle University prior to joining NREL.
Max Taffet	Max Taffet is a maritime and port planner working to implement innovative waterway and waterfront projects for the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). NYCEDC holds economic development and maritime contracts on behalf of City of New York, managing over 300 miles of New York City's 520 miles of waterfront. As Senior Vice President of Offshore Wind and PortNYC Planning, for the decade Taffet has represented the City interests on the Port of NY and NJ Harbor Operations Steering Committee and numerous other regulatory and stakeholder forums. Taffet's project portfolio includes planning and permitting offshore wind related activities in NYC; establishing and managing the City's first tidal wetland mitigation bank; in-water public amenities visioning and implementation support; project management of ferry landing and marine facility upgrades; and broad strategies to support innovative freight movement in NYC. Taffet knows the what, the who, and where of the NYC waterfront.
Geoffrey Storr	Geoff Storr is a Manager in the Infrastructure Division at New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA). Geoff oversees various commercial and operational workstreams within the New Jersey Wind Port project, located in Salem County,

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	New Jersey. He holds a M.S. of Public Policy (2020) and a B.S. of Commerce (2008) and has previously worked in derivatives and capital markets.
David Kooris	David Kooris is the Chair of the Board of the CT Port Authority. In that role since July 2019, Mr. Kooris has managed the public private partnership with Orsted and Eversource to jointly redevelop the state's pier facility in New London to support wind turbine staging. Leveraging wind to achieve multi-generational facility upgrades, the port will include two 5,000 lb/sf heavy lift pads supported by approximately 40 acres of upland area. The first pad and berth will be mobilized in the spring of 2023 to deliver South Fork and the second pad and berth will be the first host port of the Charybdis in early 2024, building Revolution and Sunrise Wind.
Julia Kortrey	Julia Kortrey is a Manager at NJEDA where she helps lead New Jersey's efforts on offshore wind workforce development, education, research, and innovation. Julia collaborates with offshore wind industry stakeholders, including public and social sector partners, to create new offshore wind initiatives and opportunities in New Jersey. Prior to NJEDA, Julia worked on various social policy issues in Washington, D.C., including women's economic security and domestic food security. She was an Emerson National Hunger Fellow at the Congressional Hunger Center with placements at the Texas Hunger Initiative and Congressional Research Service.
Anne Strauss-Wieder	Anne Strauss-Wieder is a nationally respected senior executive and expert who currently serves as the Director of Freight Planning for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). She has over 40 years of public and private sector experience involving supply chains, industrial and economic development, resilience, and freight movement. She was the 2022 recipient of the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship. Ms. Strauss-Wieder is in leadership roles in several national professional organizations. She was an appointed member of the US Department of Commerce's Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness and the US Maritime Administration's Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee. She also teaches a graduate class on freight and public policy at Rutgers. Ms. Strauss-Wieder has a BA and MA in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania and was a 2010 Lead New Jersey Fellow.