



**North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.**

**FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

Freeholder Charles Kenny, Chair  
Freeholder John P. Kelly, Vice Chair

**AGENDA**  
**August 19, 2019**  
**1:00 PM**

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- I. Roll Call of Members
- II. Salute to Flag
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Update on NJTPA Freight Division Activities – Anne Strauss-Wieder, Central Staff
- V. Freight Concept Development Program Project Intake Process Update – Jakub Rowinski, Central Staff
- VI. Profiling Key Current and Future Supply Chains
  - 2050 Freight Industry Level Forecasts, Chris Lamm, Cambridge Systematics
  - Use of AI in Supply Chain Risk Assessments, Charles Virden, Interos
  - Council on Port Performance Supply Chain Analyses, Amanda Sea Valdés, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- VII. Two-Minute Reports on Freight Activities from Committee Members
- VIII. One-Minute Reports from Meeting Participants
- IX. Next Meeting: October 21, 2019
- X. Adjournment



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### **Meeting Minutes June 17, 2019**

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#### **I. Chairman's Remarks**

Freight Initiatives Committee (FIC) Chair Freeholder Charles Kenny, Middlesex County, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Freeholder Kenny noted that the NJTPA would apply for 1.5 AICP Credits and 1.5 Professional Engineering CPC Credits for the FIC meeting.

#### **II. Roll Call of Members**

There were nine voting members of the Freight Initiatives Committee present.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting was made by Somerset County, seconded by Ocean County and carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Update on NJTPA Freight Division Activities**

Anne Strauss-Wieder, Central Staff, said the findings of the Freight Rail Industrial Opportunity (FRIO) Corridors Program study generated potential projects that have now been included in the Freight Concept Development Program Project Intake Process, the next step toward taking actions to address restrictions to national standard freight rail access in the region. Ms. Strauss-Wieder said that work continues on the 2050 Freight Industry Level Forecasts study, which includes updates to the NJTPA Freight Forecasting Tool, regional freight commodity profiles and county freight profiles. She also reported that building on last year's truck parking capacity inventory, NJTPA Central staff are being advancing work to identify the regional truck parking utilization levels, shortages and potential solutions. The study team will also identify and assess effective practices that have been employed around the country.

## V. Presentations:

### 1. Goods Movement Strategies for Communities

Quanquan Chen and Kaitlynn Davis, Central Staff, provided a live demonstration of the NJTPA's new Goods Movement Strategies for Communities tool, which is now in beta version. This web-based application allows users to explore truck movement issues in urban, suburban, and rural areas and identify strategies that have successfully addressed similar challenges. Ms. Chen said the tool can be useful to planners, local officials, developers, transportation providers and property owners when dealing with truck issues. For example, the tool lists approaches for curtailing overnight parking by large trucks on highway shoulders in suburban areas. The tool is available online on the freight page of the NJTPA website. Feedback on the beta version is appreciated.

### 2. Freight Can't Wait – Opportunities to Improve Efficiency of Last Mile Delivery in NYC

Diniece Mendes, Director of the Office of Freight Mobility at the New York City Department of Transportation briefed the committee on the City's strategies for improving the efficiency of last-mile deliveries in partnership with other agencies, the freight and trucking industry, and the community. Ms. Mendes mentioned that Smart Truck Management Plan is scheduled to be released in a few months. She talked about several initiatives including the Trucks' Eye View program that educates the public about blind spots around large trucks; the Off-Hour Deliveries Program, which fosters goods delivery between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.; last-mile freight delivery options such as cargo bikes and shared-use lockers; reallocation of off-street space for freight deliveries to reduce curbside dwell time; and overnight truck parking.

### 3. Philadelphia Delivery Handbook

Michael Ruane, Manager of Freight and Aviation Programs, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission spoke about a study focusing on last-mile deliveries in center city Philadelphia. This work resulted in the development of the Philadelphia Delivery Handbook and other initiatives. He said DVRPC is now working to expand the study findings to address the needs of suburban and other areas. The goal is to foster understanding of curbside demand management, truck routing, overnight parking and other issues for communities to consider in land use planning.

## VI. Two-Minute Reports on Freight Activities from Committee Members

Genevieve Clifton, NJDOT, said the agency's Office of Maritime Resources will look at mixed-use maritime development at Port Raritan in Middlesex County. This includes possibly creating facilities to supply components for wind farms being developed offshore. She reported also that NJDOT is finalizing a Rail Freight Guidance Strategies and Principles document in time for the September solicitation for the Rail Freight Assistance grant program.

## VI. Next meeting: August 19, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Freight Initiatives Committee**  
**ATTENDANCE**  
**June 17, 2019**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. Charles Kenny (Chair)	Middlesex County
Hon. John Kelly (Vice Chair)	Ocean County
Gerald Rohsler	Morris County
Byron Nicholas	Hudson County
Trevor Howard	Newark
Walt Lane	Somerset County
Liza Betz	Union County
Genevieve Clifton	NJDOT
Stephanie Molden	PANYNJ
OTHERS	
William Sheppard	Atlantic Rail Services
Katie Kirk	Cambridge Systematics
Gerry Vadas	CJS Violations Service
Kristen Scudder	DVRPC
Michael Ruane	DVRPC
Mike Angell	Freight Waves
Mark Yedlin	GPI
Thanh Le	Jacobs
Ron Klempner	Jersey Marine Rail
Jared Rodriguez	LeFrak
George M. Ververides	Middlesex County
James Bonanno	Monmouth County
Scott Perkins	N. Hanson
Lou Millan	NJ TRANSIT
Diniece Mendes	NJCDOT
Maryiam Kazmi	NJDOT
Dejan Besenski	NJIT
Branislav Dimitrijevic	NJIT
Mary D. Ameen	NJTPA
Rick Crawford	NS
Leslie Fordjour	NYMTC
John Ernst	Ocean County
Blair Wegescheide	PANYNJ
Amanda Valdes	PANYNJ
Ahmed Ismail	PANYNJ
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
John Witsch	Union County
Jenn Grenier	WSP
Stephen Ciaramonte	WSP

