

NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC.

FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

*FREEHOLDER PETER PALMER, CHAIRMAN
FREEHOLDER DAN SULLIVAN, VICE CHAIRMAN*

Minutes

December 9, 2008

I. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He said that the locations and operations of warehouse/distribution centers are critical elements of the freight logistics system. He noted that the two presentations to follow will be the first in a series examining the various aspects of the region's freight system.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Hudson County, seconded by the City of Newark, and carried unanimously.

IV. Presentations: The Future for New Jersey's Distribution Centers

Richard Johnson, Matrix Development Group, provided a detailed description of the capabilities of modern distribution centers, and the development challenges they face in today's complex economic environment. Mr. Johnson said that today's modern distribution centers are technologically advanced and perform many value added functions. For example, two of the largest solar arrays in the world are atop warehouses in New Jersey.

Gerard von Dohlen, Newark Refrigerated Warehouse, stressed the importance of pragmatic land use policy, technology, and the urban workforce. In a detailed presentation, Mr. von Dohlen emphasized that expanding the warehousing and distribution capability in New Jersey's urban areas is not only possible, but highly desirable. He said it will require innovation, such as vertical construction, rather than the sprawling horizontal construction typical of today's warehouse.

V. Adjournment

At 12:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by unanimous verbal acclaim.

Freight Initiatives Committee

ATTENDANCE

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VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Peter Palmer	Somerset County
John Lane	Hudson County
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Talvin Davis	NJDOT
Fernando Rubio	Newark
Rich Wisneski	NJ Transit
Steve Brown	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)
OTHERS	
Richard Johnson	Matrix Development Group
Gerry VonDohlen	Newark Refrigerated Warehouse
Kelvin MacKavanagh	NJ Short Line Railroad Association
James Greller	Hudson County P.A.
Miki Krakauer	NJDOT
William Laventhal	Rutgers University
Paul Gessner	USDOT, MARAD
George Ververides	Middlesex County
Sean Vroom	NJIT
Masood Khondker	Moffatt & Nichol
Tom Wakeman	Stevens Institute
Chris Lamm	Cambridge Systematics
WGM Goetz	CSX
Bob James	PCD-PANYNJ
Carolyn Fefferman	Office of Senator Menendez
Erik DeLine	NJDOT
Trina Scordo	Change to Win Labor Federation
David Stein	Nation'sPort
Richard Johnson	Matrix Development
Alan Lambiase	RTC Properties
Gary Steinfeild	Blue Vista
Harry T. Smith	PANYNJ
William Redl	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Chip Hallock	NRBE
Anne Strauss-Wieder	AS-W Inc.
Ronald S. Weening	AS-W Inc.
Bob Beard	PANYNJ
Scott Parker	Jacobs Engineering
Brian Wahler	NJ Turnpike Authority

Paul Truban	NJDOT
M. Geoffrey Sisko	Transystem
Amy Hillman	NJDEP
Joseph D. Morris	Morris Companies
Bob Marcolina	NJDEP
Richard Brundage	NJ Turnpike Authority
Antonio Perez	Linkport Group
Xiong Jun	Rutgers University
Steve Merman	Union County
Michael Gray	Somerset County
Matthew Wals	Citizen
W. Deen Shareef	City of Newark
Doug Greenfeld	City of Jersey City
Bob Bailey	NJSCRA
Howard Samelson	New Jersey Rail Carriers
David Bensman	Rutgers University
Barbara Kauffman	NRBP
Ted Matthews	Central Staff
Dave Dawson	Central Staff
Jakub Rowinski	Central Staff
Lois Goldman	Central Staff
Jeffery Vernick	Central Staff
Karl Vilacoba	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff