

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

**FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman

**Minutes**

**April 18, 2011**

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Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. Roll call of members

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

II. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was made by NJ Transit, seconded by Hudson County and approved unanimously.

III. Chairman's remarks

Chairman Palmer announced that an application for AICP CM credits for the session was pending approval, and those who planned on reporting their credits must sign in and stay for the entire presentation to qualify.

IV. Presentations:

1. MARAD North Atlantic Gateway Office initiatives

Captain J. C. Flumignan, US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Maritime Administration, said that MARAD is one of the 11 modal administrations within the U.S. Department of Transportation. He said MARAD's mission is to improve and strengthen the U.S. marine transportation system—including infrastructure, industry and labor—to meet the economic and security needs of the Nation. Captain Flumignan's presentation focused on USDOT's MAR 500 Intermodal System Development program, which addresses infrastructure development and congestion mitigation, marine highways and passenger services, deep water ports and offshore activities, shipper and carrier outreach, and gateway projects. He noted several North Atlantic gateway projects, including East Coast Marine Highway, New Jersey Marine Platform, Trans-Hudson Rail Barge, and Hudson River Food Corridor. The Captain also highlighted some USDOT funded initiatives in the NJTPA region, including the Cross Harbor Freight Program (implemented by Port Authority of New York & New Jersey), Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System (New Jersey Meadowland Commission), and Canal Crossing (Jersey City Redevelopment Agency).

## 2. Portway developments

James Greller, Hudson County Improvement Authority, updated the committee on the progress of the Portway initiative--a series of 11 New Jersey Department of Transportation projects that will improve access to and from the Newark-Elizabeth Air/Seaport Complex. Mr. Greller said that the upgrade of Doremus Avenue in Newark from south of Port Street to north of Raymond Blvd. has been completed and includes widening of the road, installation of a sewer system, truck pull-off areas and a bridge over Oak Island Yard. He said improvements to Charlotte and Tonnele Circles in Jersey City are in progress, and the Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge replacement is in the Final Design phase. Mr. Greller also discussed future plans for the Portway roadway system including a new road from St. Paul's Avenue to Secaucus Road in Jersey City and connections to the Norfolk Southern (NS) Croxton Yards and Kearny/American President Yards (CSX and NS).

## 3. Freight projects proposed for funding in the FY 2012 Transportation Capital Plan

Ted Matthews, Central Staff, reported that the Project Prioritization Committee endorsed the FY 2012 Transportation Capital Program at a meeting earlier that day. He highlighted some freight related projects in the program:

- Route 1&9T Extension (a Portway project) - \$5 million for Design
- Carteret International Trade and Logistics Center Roadway Improvements - \$1.8 million for Engineering and Right-of-Way
- Delancy Street, Avenue I to Avenue P - \$12 million for Construction
- Freight Rail Program - \$10 million for Engineering and Construction
- Greenville Yard and Lift Bridge, Temporary Maintenance of Barge Operations - \$1.5 million for Engineering, Right of Way and Construction
- Greenville Yard and Lift Bridge, State of Good Repair - \$77.5 million for Engineering, Right of Way and Construction
- Maritime Transportation Systems - \$1 million for Engineering and Construction
- Tremley Point Access Local Roadway Improvements - \$53 million for Engineering, Right of Way, and Construction

## V. Other

Chairman Palmer announced the retirement of NJTPA Deputy Executive Director, Cliff Sobel, and noted he will be missed by all.

## VI. Adjournment

At 3:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by NJ Transit, seconded by Hudson County and carried unanimously.

**Freight Initiatives Committee  
ATTENDANCE  
April 18, 2010**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman	Somerset County
John Lane	Hudson County
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Mike Gelin	City of Newark
Frank Scarantino	Ocean County
Johanna Barba Jones	Governor's Authorities Unit
Talvin Davis	NJDOT
Rich Wisneski	NJ Transit
Steve Brown	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)
OTHERS	
Jeff Flumignan	MARAD
James Greller	Hudson County Improvement Authority
Steve Brown	PANYNJ
Vince Mantero	PANYNJ
Marty Willard	Union County
Matthew Walsh	
Naomi Hsu	Jersey City
Bob James	PANYNJ
Michelle Pak	PB World
Ronnie Piccolo	Hatch Mott MacDonald
Josh Curley	NJIT
Liza Betz	Union County
Tom Hiers	HNTB
Tonalee Key	NJDEP
William Sheppard	Atlantic Rail Services
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Scott Douglas	NJDOT/OMR
Bill Goetz	CSX
Jesse Ann Mahat	City of Bayonne
Desiree Ramos	PANYNJ
Dolores Buchenberger	Transystems
Al Lotfi	HNTB Company
A. Lambiase	RTC Properties
Laura Shabe	PANYNJ
Leslie Fordjour	NYMTC
Karen Shannon	Central Staff
Ted Matthews	Central Staff
David Dawson	Central Staff
Jakub Rowinski	Central Staff
Keith Miller	Central Staff
Jeffery Vernick	Central Staff
Zenobia Fields	Central Staff

Solomon Caviness	Central Staff
Eve Chamberlain	Central Staff
Zhen Liu	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff