

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman
Freeholder James Lacey, Vice Chairman

Minutes

June 20, 2011

Chairman Palmer announced that an application for AICP 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.

I. Roll Call of Members

There were eight voting members of the Freight Initiatives Committee (FIC) present.

Chairman Palmer introduced Freeholder James F. Lacey, Ocean County, the new FIC Vice Chairman.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 18th meeting was made by Hudson County, seconded by NJ Transit and carried unanimously.

III. Presentations

1. Upgrading to World Class: The Future of the New York Region's Airports

Richard Barone, Director of Transportation Programs, Regional Plan Association, shared results from the recent report "The Future of the New York Region's Airports," which focuses on air field capacity. Mr. Barone outlined the economic implications of airport delays. He said that objectives for the 2030s include increasing capacity to include 78 more aircraft movements per hour, serving 39 million more passengers, and reducing average delays from 20 minutes or more to 10 minutes. Mr. Barone discussed potential solutions for freeing-up airport capacity in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, including implementing NextGen (a new satellite-based air traffic control system); runway expansion at Newark Airport; and development of outlying airports.

2. Improving Our Regional Freight Transport System

Scott Douglas, NJDOT, Office of Maritime Resources, approached the topic of improving the freight system from a philosophical perspective and raised several questions in examining the region's preparedness to compete nationally and globally as major shifts in import-export flows occur. He emphasized the need for states and ports to plan and collaborate on a regional basis

to promote efficiency and resiliency in the goods movement industry. During the ensuing question and answer session, Freeholder Palmer noted that up to 80% of goods entering New Jersey's ports will subsequently move by truck to their next destination, and there is a critical need for truck rest stops and parking facilities to accommodate them. Stewart Weiss, Inman Railroad Association, emphasized the need for a high-speed dedicated rail freight system.

VI. Next Meeting

Chairman Palmer announced that the August meeting date is changed to August 22, 2011.

V. Adjournment

At 3:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned by unanimous verbal acclaim.

**Freight Initiatives Committee
ATTENDANCE
June 20, 2011**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Peter Palmer (Chairman)	Somerset County
Freeholder James F. Lacey (Vice Chairman)	Ocean County
John Lane	Hudson County
Mike Gelin	City of Newark
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Talvin Davis	NJDOT
Rich Wisneski	NJ Transit
Steve Brown	Port Authority of NY & NJ (PANYNJ)
OTHERS	
George M. Ververides	Middlesex County Dept. of Planning
Richard Barone	Regional Plan Association
Scott Douglas	NJDOT/OMR
Frank Scarantino	Ocean County
Paul Gessner	GTC LLC
Walt Lane	Somerset County
Bob James	PANYNJ
Erik DeLine	Morris County
Jim Savage	Heffner, PLLC.
William Goetz	CSX
Jim Greller	HCIA
David Dech	Warren County
Brian Appezzato	Warren County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Steve Lanset	Sierra Club
Miki Krakauer	NJDOT
Gerald Rohsler	Morris County
Liza Betz	Union County
Andrew Kay	Morris County
Marina Castro	USEPA
Laura Schultz	PANYNJ
Stewart Weiss	Inman Railroad Committee
Michael Bednarz	PANYNJ
John Szeligowski	AECOM
Michelle Pak	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Leslie Fordjour	NYMTC
Rene Barrios	CH2M Hill
Mary K. Murphy	Central Staff
Karen Shannon	Central Staff
Mary Ameen	Central Staff
Mark Solof	Central Staff
Ted Matthews	Central Staff
Solomon Caviness	Central Staff
Dave Dawson	Central Staff

Anson Gock	Central Staff
Jakub Rowinski	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff