



*Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman*  
*Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director*

## **FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman  
Freeholder James Lacey, Vice Chairman

### **Minutes**

**August 22, 2011**

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

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

The Chairman noted that freight projects and studies were in progress around the region, including the Greenville Yard car-floats and planning studies in the areas of freight infrastructure, land use, and operations. There are also several policy and regulatory changes and potential changes that directly impact goods movement. He noted that Bayonne and Jersey City seem to be at the epicenter of many of these projects and studies.

Chairman Palmer announced that an application for AICP credits for the session was pending approval (received August 31<sup>st</sup>), and those who planned on reporting their credits needed to sign in and stay for the entire presentation to qualify.

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

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Union County, seconded by Ocean County and carried unanimously.

#### IV. Action Item

##### **Concurrence with a modification to the NJTPA FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include a Morris/Warren County Rail Corridor Study**

Ted Matthews, Central Staff, reported that during a joint meeting with the Project Prioritization Committee earlier that morning, the Planning and Economic Development Committee approved a set of modifications to the FY 2012 UPWP. One of the modifications allocates \$200,000 in available funding from the Planning and Needs Assessment Studies consultant effort line item in the UPWP to support the Morris/Warren County Rail Corridor Study. The study will build on recommendations from the completed “Morris County Freight Infrastructure and Land Use Analysis” by addressing vertical height clearance and weight constraints along the corridor.

Mr. Matthews pointed out that a particular focus of the study is the South Main Street Bridge in Phillipsburg in Warren County, which has the potential to severely limit the ability of rail freight customers in some counties along the corridor to receive the next generation of larger rail freight cars. He said another part of the study will examine land use along the corridor in Warren County to assess the potential for future rail freight supported development.

A motion to concur with the action taken by the PEDC to modify the UPWP to include the study was made by Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, seconded by NJDOT and carried unanimously.

#### V. Presentations:

- Doug Greenfeld, Supervising Planner, Jersey City, provided a detailed overview of results and recommendations of the recently completed Route 440 / 1&9T Multi-Use Urban Boulevard and Through-Truck Diversion Concept Development Study, which was conducted in the Jersey City area. Mr. Greenfeld said the effort addresses planning for development of the City’s “western waterfront,” including improvements to existing and future safety, traffic operations, multi-modal mobility, and accessibility. He said the study identified a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for reconstruction of the existing Route 440/Routes 1&9T corridor within Jersey City, from the Bayonne border to NJ Route 7, as a boulevard and complete street. In addition, the study identified four potential preferred alternatives for diversion of heavy through trucks away from the study corridor to alternative travel routes. The boulevard and complete street LPA was designed to accommodate heavy trucks in the event that none of the through truck diversion alternatives are constructed. The full report of the study findings can be accessed at <http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/hedc.aspx?id=8314>.
- James Daulerio, Director of Safety and Loss Prevention at Grocery Haulers, Inc., provided a detailed overview of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Compliance, Safety and Accountability Program initiative, known as CSA. He said this new compliance and enforcement program is aimed at reducing commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities through implementation of a Safety Measurement System (SMS) to identify motor carriers for CSA interventions. It was noted that the

CSA program will cause a reduction in the current truck driver pool. Visit <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov> for detailed information about the CSA program. SMS information is available at <http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/sms>.

VI. Next meeting:

Chairman Palmer announced that the next meeting of the FIC is scheduled for October 17, 2011.

VII. Adjournment

At 2:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Hudson County, seconded by NJ Transit and carried unanimously.

**Freight Initiatives Committee  
ATTENDANCE  
August 22, 2011**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Peter Palmer	Somerset County
Freeholder James F. Lacey	Ocean County
John Lane	Hudson County
Mike Gelin	City of Newark
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Paul Truban	NJDOT
Rich Wisneski	NJ Transit
Steve Brown	Port Authority of NY & NJ (PANYNJ)
OTHERS	
Councilman Michael Sottolano	Jersey City
Ronald S. Weening	ASW Inc.
Anne Strauss-Wieder	ASW Inc.
Erik DeLine	Morris County
Chris Lamm	Cambridge Systematics
Guy Buzzoni	Global Terminal
John Atkins	Global Terminal
J.C. Greller	HCIA
John Lane	Hudson County
Stewart Weiss	Inman Railroad Committee
Doug Greenfeld	Jersey City
John Morel	Marsh USA
Robert DeSando	NJDOT
Andrew Ludasi	NJDOT
Tineen Howard	NJDOT
Frank Scarantino	Ocean County
Bob James	PANYNJ
Vince Mantero	PANYNJ
Carlos Bastida	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Michael Lysicatos	Passaic County
Walt Lane	Somerset County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Rich Brundage	NJ Turnpike Authority
Nellia Shakhmina	NJ Turnpike Authority
Leslie Fordjour	NYMTC
Mary K. Murphy	Central Staff
Karen Shannon	Central Staff
Ted Matthews	Central Staff
Dave Dawson	Central Staff
Jakub Rowinski	Central Staff
Josh Schneider	Central Staff
Anson Gock	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff

