

APPROVED
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

REORGANIZATION

MINUTES – February 24, 2015

Attendance Officers

Mr. Paul Larrousse, Chairman

Municipal Representatives

Mr. Dennis McFadden, Carteret Borough

Mr. Stephen Mamakas, Old Bridge Township

Mr. Andrew Toth, Perth Amboy City

Mr. Thomas Cornell, Woodbridge Township

Others

Mr. Paul Onish, 14th Legislative District

Mr. Daniel A. Lebar, Esq, 18th Legislative Districts

Ms. Kathaleen Shaw, County Business Development and Education

Mr. John Ferguson, County Emergency Management

Ms. Denise Nickel, County Improvement Authority

Mr. Mike and Mrs. Ann Kruimer, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Mr. Thomas Clark, New Jersey Transit

Mr. Louis Hoffman, New Jersey Travel Independence Program

Ms. Jennifer Stuart, Rutgers, The State University of NJ

Mr. Frank Wong, Rutgers, The State University of NJ

Staff

Mr. George Ververides, Director, Office of Planning

Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation Division

Mr. Bruce McCracken, Principal Planner, Transportation Division

Total in Attendance – 18

I. Call to Order

- **Statement an Open Public Meetings Act**
- **Pledge Allegiance**

II. Minutes

November 25, 2014 Minutes were distributed for approval at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the October 28, 2014 Minutes was made by Mr. Thomas Cornell, seconded by Mr. Paul Onish, motion carried unanimously.

III. Welcome/ Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Larrousse called the meeting to order in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. He welcomed all that were in attendance at the meeting and called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Larrousse spoke about an upcoming resolution which will be presented to the TCC next month in support of transportation improvement revenues. The resolution urges the development of a new state level funding source / solution to replenish and increase the state Transportation Trust Fund. At the federal level the Transportation Trust Fund is expected to be bankrupt soon. Although Congress passed a full fiscal year of appropriations, the authorization to spend the money expires May 31st, 2015. The federal transportation bill may be voted on about May 29th.

Sign in Reminder

Chairman Larrousse reminded the public to sign the attendance sheet.

Correspondence – None

Comments – None

IV. Introduction of TCC Members

Mr. Paul Larrousse introduced himself as Chairman of the Transportation Coordinating Committee. All persons and members in attendance of the meeting introduced themselves and what organization(s) they represented.

V. Special Item: Rutgers University Physical Master Plan

Mr. Frank Wong, Executive Director of University Planning & Development

Highlights from presentation:

Mr. Wong outlined enhancements and focus of strategic initiatives for better inter-campus connections with an upgraded campus bus system. The activities of students and student life are aligned with academic, initiatives, housing, health, wellness, and recreation. The plan describe center of student experience located around four (4) campus Hubs. These are identified as Busch, Livingston, College Avenue, and Cook/Douglas student centers. Each center is within a ten

minute walk of study area, dining and food, classrooms, meeting space, educational core, commuter space, and transit waiting areas. The Hubs are connected by buses and bus routes. Dedicated bus lanes are proposed in New Brunswick to connect the College Avenue Hub to Cook Douglas Hub. Busch/ Livingston Hubs are envisioned to be improved by upgraded bike and bus connections.

As this growth of Hubs occurs, a high speed transit/bike connector overpass across Route 18 is proposed to create improved access to future facilities. Cook/Douglas Hubs will expand with a housing village. Connecting the campus by a bicycle trail from the College Avenue Hub through Johnson Park to Livingston and College Avenue brings Johnson Park into the health, wellness and recreation picture in the center of the banks of the Raritan River.

College Avenue, the heart of the Campus will be rebuilt with a new cultural center, dining hall, student center and lounge and a George Street transit Hub. A College Avenue pedestrian axis or access ways is proposed to connect the heart of the campus.

A new Raritan River bridge for pedestrian and bicycle movement is proposed to connect the heart of the campus including the core and transit Hub over the Raritan River to Johnson Park and the Piscataway campuses.

A PDF of the power point presentation given by Mr. Wong was used and copies were provided as requested.

Staff Reports

A. New Jersey Department of Transportation – Denise Peck
Absent.

B. New Jersey Transit –Steven Fittante
Absent.

C. North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) – Keith Hamas
Absent.

D. New Jersey Turnpike Authority – Michael Grant
Absent.

E. Rutgers – The State University – Jennifer Stuart
No Report.

F. KMM – Keep Middlesex Moving - Morteza Ansari –
Absent.

G. Middlesex County Department of Community Services – Laila Caune
Absent.

- H. Middlesex County Engineering Office / Traffic Safety** – Richard Wallner
Absent.
- I. Middlesex County Transportation, Board of Social Services** – Nancy Nicola
Absent.
- J. TCC Bikeways – Pedestrian Task Force** – Guy Gaspari
Absent.
- K. Middlesex County Improvement Authority** – Brian Wahler
Absent.
- L. East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA)** – Mike and Ann Kruimer
Mr. Kruimer discussed upcoming events:
- The NJ Bike/Walk Summit was well attended last Saturday with over 250 people.
 - The National Bike Summit will be March 10th – 12th in Washington, DC.
 - Friday, May 1st is the ECGA bi-annual meeting in Philadelphia.
 - CJBC's Annual Farmlands Bicycle Tour out of Brookdale Community College on May 2nd in Lincroft. Flyers were located on the back table.
 - May 17th is the Annual Bicycle tour of Edison in Metuchen.
 - April 11th is the Great Canal Walk, 40 miles.
 - April 18th is the between walk, 15 miles.
 - May 9th is the Big Walk, 50 miles.
- M. TCC Transit Subcommittee** – Paul Larrousse, Chairman
No Report.
- N. Academy Bus Co** – Chuck Kassinger
Absent.
- O. Suburban Transit / Coach USA** – Ron Kohn
Absent.
- P. CR 529 Corridor Study Update** – Tony Gambilonghi
Mr. Gambilonghi stated that the first open house public meeting will be held at the Piscataway Westergard Library located within the study area on Monday, June 15, 2015. More details will be made available within the next three months.
- Q. Business Development and Education** – Kathaleen Shaw
No Report.
- R. Transportation News Update** – Bruce McCracken

Mr. McCracken highlighted the following news articles that were distributed in the packet for information:

Oil trains at Junction in North Dakota	Pg. 15
Focus is on fire in fatal rail crash	Pg. 60
Oil Transportation – Something to think about	Pg. 69
Tesla charging stations to be installed on NJ Turnpike	Pg. 71
Feds: 10 fuel hauling trains could derail a year.	Pg. 76

S. Staff Activities – George Ververides

Mr. Ververides thanked the committee members for their continued interest and participation in the TCC.

VI.

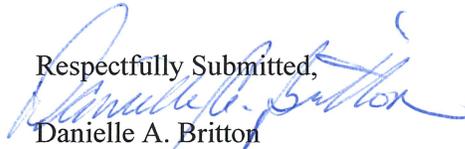
A. TCC Member Comments- None

B. Public Comments – None

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danielle A. Britton

Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee