

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**May 22, 2018**

**Representatives**

Chairman Paul Larrousse/ National Transit Institute  
Vice Chairman Tom Vigna

**Municipal Representatives**

Sgt. Paul F. Stentella, Carteret Borough  
Ms. Deborah Berger, East Brunswick Township  
Mr. Sanford Gardner, East Brunswick Township  
Ms. Teri Jover, Highland Park Borough  
Mr. Brian Tobin, Metuchen Borough/ 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District (Assemblyman DeAngelo)  
Ms. Doriann Kerber, Milltown Borough  
Ms. Miriam Cohen, Monroe Township  
Mr. Richard W. Moody, New Brunswick City  
Mr. Tom Cornell, Woodbridge Township

**Others**

Mr. Paul Onish, 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District (Senator Greenstein)  
Mr. Bruce Bannett, East Brunswick Resident  
Mr. Mike Kruimer, East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Ms. Anne Kruimer, East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Mr. John Ferguson, Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management  
Mr. Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick Today  
Mr. Peter Bilton, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

**Staff**

Mr. Louie Greenwell, County Division Head, Middlesex County Office of Planning  
Mr. George M. Ververides, Director, Middlesex County Office of Planning  
Mr. Anthony Gambilonghi, Supervisor, Transportation Division  
Mr. Bruce McCracken, Principal Planner, Transportation Division  
Ms. Denise Nickel, Middlesex County Office of Planning  
Ms. Marni Sucher, Information Technology Department

**Total in Attendance – 24**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Minutes**

Meeting minutes of March 27, 2018 and April 24, 2018 were distributed for approval for the next meeting.

### **III. Welcome/ Chairman's Remarks**

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

#### **Sign in Reminder**

Chairman Larrousse reminded the public to sign the attendance sheet.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Freeholder Comments** – Not Present.

#### **Introduction of TCC Members**

All persons and members in attendance of the meeting introduced themselves and the organization(s) they represented.

### **IV. Special Item: Municipal Stormwater and Effect on Transportation.** Presented by:

Mr. Louie Greenwell, Director of Comprehensive Planning.

Mr. Greenwell stated that municipalities will be notified of Tier A permit requirements by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (also known as MS4). The program was established through the (amended) Clean Water Act of 1999. Federal and state agencies were created from MS4; the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the New Jersey Discharge Pollution Elimination System (NJDPES). Tier A covers 462 municipalities in New Jersey. Tier B was created for smaller communities in New Jersey having minimal susceptibility to flooding (104 municipalities fit criteria). Highway agencies which includes New Jersey Counties must adhere to state requirements. The permit process addresses stormwater issues related to new and existing developments to minimize detrimental effects of surface water runoff. Mr. Greenwell stated that stormwater infrastructure along or under roadways comprise curb and gutter, swales and ditches, storm pipes, and culvert inlets. Water runoff into impervious surfaces like the roadway affects the transportation network.

Mr. Greenwell stated that municipalities and counties are required by federal law to develop and implement a stormwater management program that (a) reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical, and (b) develop measurable goals that quantify program improvements. Objective is to eliminate or sufficiently minimize the amount of pollutants to improve water quality and eliminate or reduce water runoff.

Additional state requirements were listed under MS4 compliance:

- Public Education;
- Public Involvement and Participation;
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination;
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control;
- Post Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment;
- and
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping.

Mr. Greenwell itemized transportation-related elements of MS4:

- Stormwater Management and Construction Monitoring – Once development plans are submitted, plans are reviewed for stormwater compliance (proposed detention basins, discharge has not increased (causing more runoff onto adjacent properties), etc. During

the construction phase the review of proper fencing is in place for soil and sediment to prevent soil from washing away onto the street.

- Storm Inlet Mapping and Regular Inspection – Detection of elimination; an assessment is completed to ensure inlets are being properly discharged.
- Street Sweeping and Proper Disposal – During winter months remaining salt (loss salt) that is on the roadway will dissolve and can infiltrate into the soils below and adjacent properties. Therefore, salt must be cleaned-up. For summer months, regular street sweeping is done and items collected must properly be discarded.
- Local Public Education Programs – Signage and posters are used to inform/ remind the public to keep drains, gutters, and pipes litter-free for cleaner water quality.
- Pollution Prevention Ordinances – Reduces hazards to the public and the environment associated with the release of such pollutants or contaminants (e.g. pet feces).
- Maintenance Yard Operations – Inspections are conducted regularly. Maintenance yards have secondary containment for things such as aboveground fueling tanks and waste oil storage. These areas can accumulate water during storm events. Discharge may accumulate in the secondary containment area. A visual inspection is performed to ensure that the contents of aboveground storage tank have not come into contact with the stormwater being discharged.
- Green Infrastructure Solutions – Creation of bio-retention soil and swales can act as a natural filter to catch water runoff.

Mr. Greenwell announced that the DEP has developed a new infrastructure mapping tool to assist municipalities with meeting the requirements of their municipal stormwater permit. The County along with DEP and the Lower Raritan River Watershed Partnership will conduct a training seminar as well as a short presentation on how to visually assess the quality of existing stormwater infrastructure. The workshop will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018 from 9am to 1pm at the Middlesex County Fire Academy Drive in Sayreville. He noted that registration information is available and will be emailed to the committee.

There also will be a meeting held entitled, “MS4 User” and this group meets quarterly to share the best practices and approach to improving water quality and flood elimination.

## **Staff Reports**

**A. New Jersey Department of Transportation – Scott Stephens**

Not Present.

**B. New Jersey Transit –Thomas Clark**

Not Present.

**C. North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) – Peter Bilton**

Mr. Bilton announced that NJTPA is hosting an event to showcase the diverse work of New Jersey's eight transportation management associations (TMAs). TMAs, which include Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM), are non-profit organizations that work with businesses, commuters, county and local governments, and state agencies to implement programs that improve peoples' ability to get around while reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. The showcase will take place on Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 10am to 12:30pm at 1085 Raymond Boulevard in Newark.

**D. New Jersey Turnpike Authority – Kevin Dunn**

Not Present.

**E. Rutgers – The State University – Jennifer Stuart, Leigh Ann Kimber (Brendan Torres)**

Not Present.

**F. Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM) –William Neary, Morteza Ansari**

Not Present.

**G. Middlesex County Area Transit Services – Laila Caune**

Not Present.

**H. Middlesex County Engineering Office – Richard Wallner**

Not Present.

**I. East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA) – Mike and Ann Kruimer**

Mr. Kruimer announced upcoming bicycle events:

May 28<sup>th</sup> Somerville Races Memorial Day weekend.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Revolutionary Ramble goes out of Morristown, sponsored by Morris Area Freewheelers and proceeds go to local first aid squad and food bank.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> CJBC longest day ride from Highpoint to Cape May; 200-mile ride.

Mr. Kruimer reported that five people bicycled the entire 1,700-mile route at the National 911 Trail. There were 900 riders at the Farmlands Bicycle Tour. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bicycle Tour of Edison and Metuchen had 150 riders. Mr. Kruimer said May 12, 2018 was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cap-2-Cap Bicycle Tour along the Virginia Capital Trail had 1,700 riders.

**J. Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management – John Ferguson**

Mr. Ferguson informed that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the hurricane season and to be prepared. The forecast calls for above average activity, an occurrence of 14 storms and 3 major hurricanes.

**K. Academy Bus Co** – Chuck Kassinger  
Not Present.

**L. Suburban Transit / Coach USA** – Michael Beltranena  
Not Present.

**M. Business Development and Education** – Kathaleen Shaw, Carla Cefalo  
Not Present.

**N. Transportation News Update** – Bruce McCracken  
Mr. McCracken noted that noteworthy articles in the listing of transportation news topics provided included: the Carteret Ferry new \$ 6 million funding from the Federal Transit Administration; the opening of the second span of the Goethals Bridge which will increase capacity by 50% on a major truck route in our region and now completes this project; and the recent proposal for a suspended pedestrian bridge across the Raritan Bridge between New Brunswick and Piscataway.

**O. Staff Activities** – George Ververides  
Mr. Ververides highlighted transportation topics and things to consider moving forward. It was noted that \$ 6 million of new funding from the Federal Transit Administration has been put in-place towards the acquisition of a 299-passenger ferry boat as part of the Carteret Borough Ferry project.

**V. TCC Member Comments** – Chairman Larrousse discussed federal action of the 2019 budget.

**VI. Public Comments** – Mr. Charlie Kratovil of New Brunswick Today offered to make a presentation to the TCC on the “Brunswick Local Bus Improvements in New Brunswick” at a future meeting of the TCC. Chairman Larrousse thanked Mr. Kratovil and noted that the TCC will consider his offer.

**VII.**

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Britton, TCC Secretary  
Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee