

MINUTES
Morris County Board of Transportation Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Morris County Department of Planning & Development
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor Conference Room
Morristown, NJ

In Attendance:

Board Members	Other Attendees	Staff
Freeholder Gene Feyl	Jim Hadden, 511NJ	Gerald Rohsler
Ilene Dorf Manahan, Chairperson	Hope Hezel, MAPS	Deena Cybulski
Frank T. Reilly	Amy Magnuson, NJTPA	John Hayes
Judith Schleicher	Judy Maltese, TransOptions	
Art Valand, Vice-Chairperson		
Dudley Woodbridge, Secretary		
Roman Zabihach		
Joe Wells, Alternate #1		

I. Call to Order: Chairperson Ilene Dorf Manahan called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

II. Open Public Meeting Statement: Chairperson Manahan read the Open Public Meetings Act compliance statement.

III. Roll Call: Deena Cybulski read the roll call. Seven voting members were present during roll call.

IV. Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Manahan welcomed Hope Hezel who manages the Morris Area Paratransit System, Amy Magnuson from the NJTPA, and Judy Maltese from TransOptions.

V. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2011: Approval of the minutes was moved by Dudley Woodbridge and seconded by Joe Wells and the minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. Staff Reports:

1. **Complete Streets Summit:** Gerald Rohsler reported on the Complete Streets Summit that was held on March 31, 2011 at the Waterloo Village Meeting House. Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties jointly organized the event. Over 80 people attended the Summit at which attorneys, planners, and engineers

presented case studies on implementation of complete street policies and design. One of the case studies presented was the Morris Street improvements in Morristown's Washington's Headquarters neighborhood, which included the reduction of the number and width of lanes, and installation of new traffic signs.

- 2. Transit Guide and Transit Awareness Postcard:** Ms. Cybulski announced that the division has completed a new Morris County Transit Guide that includes routes, descriptions, and contact information for bus and train transit providers serving Morris County residents. The division anticipates receiving the shipment of guides from the printer by the end of this week. The division will distribute the guides to not-for-profits, libraries, TransOptions and municipalities. The guide will be available to order by phone or online.

Ms. Cybulski also reported that the division received a small portion of the Federal Energy Grant to design, print, and mail transit awareness postcards. The postcard was designed in-house. The final version of the postcard was shared with the board members. The postcards will be printed and mailed by a printer to addresses of those reside within ¼ mile of a bus stop or one mile of a train station. These residents will receive the postcard and be directed to the www.MorrisDOT.org website or division's phone number to determine if transit could work for them. The division anticipates that the postcards will be mailed by the end of May.

- 3. Freight Railroad Advisory Committee (FRAC):** Mr. Rohsler summarized the FRAC meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The meeting included an update on the Morris County Freight Infrastructure and Land Use Analysis Study, a presentation on the Height Clearance Constraints in Phillipsburg, and a discussion on the Dover & Rockaway Railroad Realignment. The next FRAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.
- 4. Freight Infrastructure and Land Use Analysis:** Mr. Rohsler reported that the freight study was nearly complete. Mr. Rohsler summarized some of the highlights and findings of the study. He announced that there will be a Public Open House with exhibits at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The study in its entirety and related presentations will be available on the division's website. <http://morrisdot.org/accessories/transportation-freightstudy.asp>
- 5. TransAction Conference:** Ms. Cybulski stated that the summary of the sessions that the MCDOT staff attended was distributed to the Board of Transportation members. Frank Reilly reported that the conference was successful and was well attended. The three day annual conference was held on April 6, 7, and 8 at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

6. Not-For-Profit Conference:

Ms. Hezel announced that the Not-For-Profit Conference will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Meadowood Manor in Randolph. She reported that last year's event was very well attended and she anticipates that this year's will be successful as well. Ms Cybulski reported that MCDOT staff members will attend the event and distribute NJ Transit schedules and Morris County Transit Guides.

7. Chester Branch Railroad Rehabilitation Final Spike Driving – May 11, 2011: Freeholder Feyl invited the board members and guests to attend the Chester Branch Rehabilitation Final Spike Driving on May 11, 2011. Kuiken Brothers Lumber, Holland Manufacturing, and Blue Ridge Lumber are receiving shipments from the branch with additional customers anticipated.

VII. Special Presentation – 511NJ: Jim Hadden, 511NJ, Statewide Traffic Operations New Jersey Department of Transportation, gave a presentation on the 511NJ system. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated 511 as the nationwide travel information phone number in 2000. 511NJ is a phone and website information system. It provides real time traffic conditions and transportation information on interstate, federal, and state highways, and on bridge and tunnel crossings.

The 511NJ system is managed out of the Statewide Traffic Operations center by a partnership of public agencies: New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, New Jersey State Police, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and Delaware River Port Authority.

To access 511NJ travel information, dial 511 or 1-866-511-6538 or visit online at www.511nj.org.

Mr. Hadden reported that 511NJ has a number of sources for collecting information from first responders calling in to report incidents to using GPS and Bluetooth signals to measure traffic speed. The system operators are able to provide the estimated duration of an incident if that information is known. 511NJ is investigating the feasibility of reporting secondary impacts to county and municipal roadways due to incidents on roads within the system.

Mr. Hadden listed several future system enhancements including integrating county information, such a road construction, into the system. Ms. Cybulski offered Morris County as a test case.

IX. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: Ms. Hezel reported that on April 18, 2011 Human Services held a Paratransit Training Session. John Hayes of the Morris County Division of Transportation participated in the session. NJ Transit Bus Planning and Access Link staff

presented overviews of their service in Morris County. The goal of the training was to educate municipal dial-a-ride and Morris County human service staff on the number of ADA accessible mobility options available for their clients in Morris County. MAPS has prepared applications for more grant funding and for new vehicles.

Amy Magnuson distributed the updated North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) Acronym Guide, and announced that the next NJTPA Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Freeholder Feyl announced that as part of the Sussex Turnpike project, the intersections with Park Avenue, Dover-Chester Road, and Millbrook Avenue will be improved, and that the Commerce Boulevard project has been moved back to FY 2012 in the Transportation Capital Program, which is scheduled for adoption at the next NJTPA meeting.

Mr. Wells reported that his municipality has received grants to buy property in the Pompton River flood plain and it will be three to five years until completion of the trail along the Pompton River. He stated that this project complements the proposed NYS&W bicycle and Pedestrian Path.

XI. Public Comments: None

XII. Next Regular Meeting: July 19, 2011

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Notes prepared by John Hayes