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Central Jersey Transportation Forum
May 27, 2008 Meeting

Introductions

There were over 60 participants, including representatives for 7 municipalities, 3 counties, 2 MPOs, 1 TMA, 9 representatives from NJDOT, 4 from NJ Transit, and various other agencies and organizations (for-profit and non-profit). Barry Seymour, Executive Director at DVRPC, and Mark Stout, Assistant Commissioner of Planning and Development at NJDOT, thanked Hillsborough and Carriage Farm for hosting the meeting.

Updates on Route 1 Construction Projects

- >David Kuhn, Executive Director of NJDOT's Capital Investment Strategy, spoke about the Draft FY 2009 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It shifts to a 10-year capital plan and uses a constrained revenue model. Mr. Kuhn discussed new capital projects in the Forum area, and projects moved to Tier 2 unfunded status.
- >Mr. Seymour spoke about the Planned Projects Status Report. It provides current information on major transportation and land development projects in the Forum area.

Goods Movement Matters

- >Bob Bzik, Director of Somerset County's Planning Division, gave updates on land use and goods movement projects in the vicinity of US 206, including an update on the TransLoad site and the Hillsborough Town Center project. He and Jack Kanarek, Senior Director of Project Development at NJ Transit, addressed resuming passenger service on the West Trenton line.
- >Danielle Graves, Principal Engineer at NJDOT, gave an update on the Blue Route Task Force. Mercer and Somerset Counties will be case studies for policies including improved truck weighing systems.

East-West Existing Corridors

The Forum endorsed a package of easily implemented projects on CR 518, an important existing east-west corridor. Five municipalities led the effort that was also shaped with input from two counties, two MPOs, and various agencies.

Smart Transportation Solutions Guidebook

Don Shanis, Deputy Executive Director at DVRPC, described the Guidebook that helps define contextual possibilities and appropriate improvements for types of roadways. The executive summary was distributed and is available at www.dvrpc.org.

Coordinating Route 1 Planning Efforts

- >The Forum serves as an umbrella gathering and supporting the various Route 1 efforts
- >The NJ Office of Economic Growth Route 1 Planning Through Partnerships continues to gather information and there will be a report on it at the next Forum meeting
- >The NJDOT Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy will convene workshops over the summer, and will coordinate with the BRT, Forum, and other projects
- >Mr. Kanarek reported that ridership studies are underway for the Route 1 BRT. A near-term implementation plan is being developed to identify cost-effective, easily implemented elements.