



MONMOUTH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL SUMMIT 2010 SPEAKER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Speakers:

John D'Amico

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

- Graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School
- Former Vice President & Counsel of a major life insurance company
- Oceanport Councilman, 1979-1984
- Monmouth County Freeholder, 1984-1988, and January, 2008, to present
- N.J. State Senator, 1988-1989
- Judge of the Superior Court , 1992-2002
- Arbitrator and Mediator
- Chairman, N.J. State Parole Board, 2003-2007
- Consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections
- Member, National Climate Leaders Organization

Mary K. Murphy, AICP, PP

Executive Director

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Ms. Murphy is the Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. The NJTPA is responsible for the annual investment of more than \$2.5 billion in transportation improvement projects in 13 counties in northern and central New Jersey area, impacting more than 6.5 million people throughout the region.

Prior to joining the NJTPA, Ms. Murphy was the Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Operations at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Her responsibilities at the Turnpike included oversight of the Toll, Operations and Maintenance departments for both the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike, as well as strategic planning and the annual special project budget for the Authority.

Before her tenure at the Turnpike, Ms. Murphy was the Director of Planning and Community Development for Union County, the Manager of Transportation Planning for the Louis Berger Group, and the Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Liaison for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Ms. Murphy is a licensed planner in the State of New Jersey with more than 20 years of experience in transportation planning and policy in the greater New Jersey/New York metropolitan area. She holds a MS in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas and a BS in Environmental Planning and Design from Rutgers University.

Elizabeth Thompson, AICP/PP
Senior Transportation Planner, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

At the NJTPA, Ms. Thompson provides guidance and support for bicycle, pedestrian and safety priorities identified in the region's long-range transportation plan and Regional Safety Priorities Update Study. She currently is managing a study focused on pedestrian safety at and around bus stops and works on the agency's Local Safety Program, Safe Routes to School, and other grant funding programs to implement safety improvements. She also leads evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian issues, needs and strategies, as well as the NJTPA's Walkable Community Workshops. Ms. Thompson received her Masters in City and Regional Planning from the Edward J. Bloustein School at Rutgers University, and has a B.A. in Urban Studies and Fine Arts from Rutgers College.

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Elise Bremer-Nei, AICP/PP
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Elise is a licensed professional planner and the Safe Routes to School Coordinator with the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs. She has prior experience with the Monmouth County Planning Board and with a private engineering and design firm. Elise has focused on bicycle and pedestrian planning for the past twelve years, working on projects like the Statewide Pedestrian Safety Study, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, and revisions to the NJDOT Roadway Design Manual. She holds a bachelor's degree in Geography from Rutgers University and is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

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Ranjit Walia, AICP
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Ranjit Walia has managed the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJBPRC) for the last six years and has 11 years experience in the fields of urban planning and transportation planning and policy, with specialization in the area of pedestrian and bicycle mobility. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rutgers University in 1996 and a Master of City and Regional Planning Degree from Rutgers in 2000. He worked for the Hunterdon County Planning Board and The RBA Group prior to joining VTC in 2003. He is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mr. Walia has managed a broad array of transportation projects in both the public and private sector. Mr. Walia annually carries out bicycle and pedestrian research and education and serves as a technical resource to the state. Key research topics have included the built environment as it relates to bikability and walkability, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, policy and program evaluation, and bicycle and pedestrian policy analysis. Some recent projects of interest include the development and analysis of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian survey, the development of educational workshops in the sphere of enforcement and education (including Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Senior Walkability) and a legislative initiative which has included an analysis of Title 39 (Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulation) as it

relates to pedestrian safety, the drafting of a pedestrian safety bill in partnership with NJDOT and DHTS, and the continued development of a pedestrian and bicycle legislative agenda.

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Al Kerecman

Active Transit Network at Ocean

Married to Ursula; two children, Eric and Elke; BS in Physics and MS in Electronic Engineering from Monmouth College; employed at Fort Monmouth for 43 years as a Research Scientist and Telecommunications Engineer; now retired; Ocean Township resident for 48 years.

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Jim Willis

Red Bank Safe Routes Group

Jim is the former Chief Information Officer for the Rhode Island State Department where he used technology to foster civic engagement and build social capital. He grew up on a farm in Englishtown and learned about what makes a good neighborhood by living in some good ones and some bad ones in Washington, DC, Cincinnati, OH and Providence RI. He currently lives in a great neighborhood in Red Bank where he and a few neighbors got together and started the Red Bank Safe Routes program.

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Wally Tunison

Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association

Monmouth Heritage Trails, Inc.

Wally Tunison is the current Mountain Bike representative to the New Jersey Trails Council, which is the advisory Council to the N.J.D.E.P. in the identification and use of Multi use trails in the state of N.J.. He is Government Liaison for the Jersey Off Road Bicycle Assoc. (J.O.R.B.A.) and owns The Bicycle Hub of Marlboro, N.J. Wally has been involved in Cycling Advocacy since 1982 and wrote his first letter to a governmental official about trail advocacy in 1970 when he was 14 years old. He still has the letters he received in response.

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Resources:

New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center

www.njbikeped.org

New Jersey Bicycle Coalition

www.njbike.org/

Biking in New Jersey

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/>

Biography

Sean T. Kean, Wall Township (R-11)

Mr. Kean was elected to the Senate in November of 2007. He previously served in the General Assembly since 2002 where he was re-elected twice and served as Assistant Republican Whip.

Born May 21, 1963, Senator Kean grew up in Deal and is a graduate of Red Bank Catholic High School. He graduated from Seton Hall University, received a master's degree from Columbia University, and earned a law degree at Seton Hall University Law School.

The Senator is employed as an attorney in private practice.

He served on the Monmouth County Environmental Council and was elected in 2008 to the Board of Directors of Republicans for Environmental Protection which is a national organization dedicated to supporting Republican candidates with strong environmental records. He previously served on the Wall Township Planning Board and served as president of the Wall Township Republican Club.

Senator Kean was appointed to the New Jersey Legislative Services Commission in 2008 and is a member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore, the Wall Township-Asbury Park Elks, the Jersey Shore Running Club and the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of the Jersey Shore. He is a Silver Life Member of the Asbury Park PBA.

He serves on the Advisory Board of Asbury Park Corps of The Salvation Army, the Board of Directors of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council, and is an Honorary Director of the Jersey Shore Performing Arts Center. In addition, he served as Co-Chairman of the Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference. He also served as Co-Chairman of Senator John McCain's New Jersey campaign. Senator Kean was also named the recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award for the Southern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce Annual Golden Osprey Awards.

Senator Kean sponsored legislation which mandated carbon monoxide sensors be installed in all residences and was the sponsor of the New Jersey Clean Car law which requires zero emission vehicle technology be made available in the state. The Senator also sponsored legislation that would increase the penalties for kidnapping a child under the age of 16 and authored the law which clarified the regulations regarding the possession of striped bass.