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Minutes for the Meeting of the
Monmouth County Transportation Council
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Monmouth County Planning Board
One East Main Street
Hall of Records Annex Building, 2nd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:45PM

II. ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL

Members Present

Frost, Barry
Nelson, Eric
Vernick, Jeff
Barrett, Betsy
Hennessy, Thom
Grbelja, Nancy
Doyle, Peter

Staff Present

Gamallo, Anthony
James Bonanno – Staff Advisor

Members Excused

Del Tufo, Gerard
VanNortwick, Peter
Burke, Tom
Garaguso, Anthony

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Approval of the November 10, 2015 minutes was sought by Chairman Nelson. Mr. Frost motioned to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barrett and with the exception of Ms. Grbelja who abstained; the minutes were unanimously accepted by the council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gamallo introduced discussions with the council regarding the possibility of reducing the number of member positions from eleven to nine to better align with the membership levels of other Monmouth County Planning

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Board committees and to improve the council's ability to achieve quorum. Ms. Grbelja agreed that it is difficult to reach quorum with the current size of the Transportation Council and informed the council that the Planning Board discussed the topic and suggested a decrease to nine members. Staff will reach out to members whose terms are expiring on December 31, 2015 regarding their interest in possible re-appointment to an additional term, and review vacant positions relative to council by-laws in order to make recommendations to the council regarding a change in size after the January Reorganization meeting.

Regarding the council's upcoming reorganization meeting in January 2016 Mr. Nelson asked that council members be prepared to suggest topics that they would like to put on the Transportation Council's 2016 meeting schedule, particularly those that relate to or support transportation and related elements of the county's draft Master Plan. In addition, Mr. Nelson suggested the Transportation Council consider holding a few of its meetings this upcoming year in varying locations around the County where specific meeting topics would be of most interest to help attract more public input and participation.

Based on the county's desire to ensure that the Master Plan become a dynamic document that is updated regularly, Vice Chairman Vernick mentioned that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority will be advancing development of a planning information management system that catalogs all planning studies and issues in northern New Jersey across numerous New Jersey Agencies. Mr. Vernick informed the council and staff that NJTPA's study to further develop its prototype platform would begin early next year and suggested that Monmouth County Planning Board Staff may want to contact the NJTPA project manager if they have interest in serving on the project's steering committee.

V. REPORT OF STAFF

No report was received from staff

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from the public.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next public Monmouth County Transportation Council meeting – 7:00PM Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Monmouth County Department of Engineering Conference Room at 1 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Vernick and seconded by Ms. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.