

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
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Board Chairman



EDWARD SAMPSON, PP, AICP
Director of Planning

Minutes for the Meeting of the
Monmouth County Transportation Council
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Monmouth County Planning Board
One East Main Street
Hall of Records Annex Building, 2nd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00PM

II. ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL

Members Present

Burke, Tom
Doyle, Peter
Frost, Barry
Garaguso, Anthony
Nelson, Eric
Vernick, Jeff

Staff Present

Gamallo, Anthony
James Bonanno – Staff Advisor

Members Excused

Barrett, Betsy
Del Tufo, Gerard
Hennessy, Thom
VanNortwick, Peter
Grbelja, Nancy

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Approval of the September 8, 2015 minutes was sought by Chairman Nelson. Mr. Burke and Mr. Vernick wished to make changes to the September 8, 2015 minutes. Mr. Burke brought a mistake in the announcements section of the September 8, 2015 minutes to the board's attention. The announcement providing the date and time of the next scheduled meeting which should have stated October 13, 2015 instead stated the incorrect date of September 8, 2015. Mr. Bonanno has corrected this mistake.

Mr. Vernick brought an error in the NJ Transit Bus Schedule Errors section of the minutes to the attention of the board. The minutes document an error in scheduling by NJ Transit for the 67 Bus running between Toms River, Newark, and Jersey City. The minutes state that the error was brought to the attention of NJ Transit by Mr. Vernick and corrected. Mr. Vernick clarified that the corrected schedule had another mistake in which he once again brought to the attention of NJ Transit. NJ Transit's schedule for the 67 Bus is now correct. Mr. Vernick also wanted to emphasize the confusion this brought upon transit riders as they were under the impressions that NJ Transit canceled service on the 67 Bus's route, and felt NJ Transit had not taken the proper steps to make the transit riders aware of service changes.

Approval of the September 8, 2015 minutes pending the changes outlined above was sought by Chairman Nelson and unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Welcome new MCTC Staff Advisor James Bonanno

Chairman Nelson as well as the rest of the council welcomed Mr. Bonanno as the new MCTC Staff Advisor. Mr. Gamallo informed the council that Mr. Bonanno would be taking over his former responsibilities to the council and to contact Mr. Bonanno about any future council matters.

Master Plan Review

Mr. Domidion of the MCPB outlined transportation planning for the MCTC before introducing the need and function of the Master Plan. Explaining that the Master Plan is a "living" document that even after it is adopted it has the ability to be changed, updated, or modified.

Mr. Barris the Assistant Director of the Monmouth County Division of Planning explained to the council the two draft documents that currently make up the transportation portion of the Master Plan. One being the actual transportation section of the Master Plan with: recommended tasks that need to be done, strategies of stakeholders that the County should support and assist, and long range projects the

County has to be ready for. The second document pertains to how transportation planning interacts and coincides with all other areas of planning in the County.

Mr. Domidion and Mr. Barris went on to describe some of the future transportation planning projects and issues that will affect Monmouth County as examples of what will and should be covered by the Master Plan. This description and explanation of the Master Plan was in an effort to help the MCTC understand the function and need for a Master Plan as well as how the MCTC is being asked to contribute to the Master Plans completion.

Members of the council expressed their interest and desire to make a change and have an effect on transportation in Monmouth County and discussed with Mr. Domidion and Mr. Barris what was expected of the MCTC. Mr. Gamallo stated that he would like the council to first assist in the drafting of the Master Plan by bringing any and all suggestions they feel should be included in the Master Plan to his attention. After the completion of the Master Plan, the MCTC can then begin working on helping Mr. Gamallo and Mr. Bonanno in the completion of projects outlined within the Master Plan.

Mr. Burke brought up the idea of writing a narrative of his ideas for the Master Plan and sending them the Mr. Gamallo which Mr. Gamallo felt was an excellent idea. This idea was built upon by Chairman Nelson who suggested an email chain with all MCTC members that would allow council members to pass their ideas around to all members for consideration. Mr. Frost asked Mr. Gamallo what the process for discussing the council member's recommendations after each member submits their own recommendations separately should be. Mr. Gamallo suggests dedicating a new portion of the agenda and future meetings to discussing the council's master plan recommendation which was widely accepted by the council members.

V. REPORTS OF STAFF

Mr. Bonanno shared an article that appeared on NJ.com on 9/15 entitled "Christie, Cuomo Ask Obama for Money to Build New Rail Tunnel, Pledge State Funds".

The council felt the Amtrak Gateway Project is an important project that needs to be undertaken. Mr. Burke moved that the MCTC have a resolution written to the MCPB to show the council fully endorses the Amtrak Gateway Project. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and Mr. Bonanno was tasked with writing the resolution to the Planning Board.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received from the public.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next public MCTC meeting – 7:00PM Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Monmouth County Department of Engineering Conference Room at 1 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Nelson and seconded by Mr. Burke, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.