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FREIGHT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Commissioner Stephen Shaw, Chair
Commissioner Sara Sooy, Vice Chair

Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025

I. Roll Call of Members

Freight Initiatives Committee (FIC) Chair Stephen Shaw, Morris County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and ten voting members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Middlesex County moved the minutes of the October 20, 2025, meeting and City of Newark seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

III. Update on NJTPA Freight Division Activities

Jakub Rowinski, Central Staff gave an update on the four-part FY 2025 Freight Concept Development Program Studies. The committee has received several updates about the study during the year. The four parts of the study include Southern Middlesex County North-South Truck Corridor Project in Cranbury, Monroe, and South Brunswick in Middlesex County. The second Concept Development study is the East Hanover Avenue Bridge Catenary Rail Clearance Project in Morris Plains, Morris Township, and Parsippany in Morris County. The third part of the contract is the preliminary screening for Plate F vertical rail clearance in Perth Amboy. The fourth and final part of the study is dedicated to general program support. Mr. Rowinski said a lot of progress has been made, mainly on the 2 Concept Development studies. The data collection process is ongoing and will continue for a while.

Mr. Rowinski said the East Hanover Avenue Bridge study started as a single location where there was an impediment to the Plate F movement of freight rail cars. Since then, three additional bridge catenary structures have been identified as impediments. The project has grown but is currently limited to the electrified territory in Dover. Beyond this, the area is clear for vertical Plate F clearance. The area in Middlesex County is quite large and covers three municipalities. Base mapping can't be developed for the entire study area, and we are identifying key locations to concentrate on.

In conclusion, Mr. Rowinski said that they have reached a major milestone by finalizing the purpose and needs statements for both studies and are on track and on schedule to finish the work by June 2027.

IV. Presentation: NYC E-Commerce Delivery Mitigation Initiatives

The Chair introduced New York City Department of Transportation's Flight Mobility Unit members: Catherine Ponte, Kerry Goleski, Jack Holmes, Katrina Carey and Demel Gaillard to present E-Commerce Delivery Mitigation Initiatives and campaigns.

Catherine Ponte - Program Overview, Policy Framework, and MicroHubs

Ms. Ponte introduced the Freight Mobility Unit, which focuses on goods delivery while mitigating adverse impacts (safety, noise, pollution). The shift in e-commerce, has pushed large trucks into constrained residential streets highlighting the importance of the *Comprehensive Freight Plan* and coordination with sister agencies (City Planning) to create a regulatory environment for innovation.

Kerry Goleski - Mode Shift Strategies, focusing on Cargo Bikes & Blue Highways

The Cargo Bike Program promotes the implementation of electric pedal-assist bikes with cargo compartments for last mile deliveries. The program has transitioned from a 2019 pilot to a permanent program in 2024, and there are currently 800 cargo bikes operating in NYC. She said that development includes "Cargo Bike Corrals" for dedicated loading/unloading and publishing a comprehensive safety training guide for companies and cyclists. The action plan was published in October 2025, focusing on activating waterfront landings and testing micro-freight models (ferry to cargo bike).

Jack Holmes - Locker NYC Pilot

This program is a 24/7 shared-use delivery locker system designed to reduce truck trips and package theft. They are currently testing two distinct models:

- GoLocker: Consolidates packages at a central warehouse before delivery to lockers.
- Quadient: Allows multiple carriers (UPS, FedEx) to drop off directly into the locker.

There are currently 75 lockers installed, primarily in Brooklyn with a criteria focus on maintaining pedestrian clearance and safety (including cameras and lighting).

Katrina Carey - Curb Access Strategies and Neighborhood Loading Zones (NLZs)

Neighborhood Loading Zones provide dedicated curb space on narrow residential streets for deliveries, taxis, and personal vehicle loading. This program has expanded to 950 locations across all five boroughs, and studies indicate that NLZs can lead to a seventy percent reduction in double-parking when properly implemented.

Demel Gaillard - TruckSmart Safety Awareness Campaign Relaunch for 2025.

This program is designed to educate truck operators and promote safe driving behaviors to protect vulnerable roadway users (pedestrians and cyclists), reduce fatal crashes, and align with the city's Vision Zero initiative by checking blind spots and maintaining a safe distance from cyclists. One of the program's messages is "Size matters" to promote that drivers must know their

vehicle height before departing. The program promotes safe driving behaviors with a campaign using targeted ads on LinkedIn, billboards, radio and other platforms to engage the industry. Following the presentation, participants asked questions related to the [presentation](#). Questions and responses can be found in the meeting [recording](#).

V. Two-Minute Reports on Freight Activities from Committee Members

The Chair asked for updates from committee members. Trevor Howard said the City of Newark received \$4M from the Local Freight Impact Fund from the NJDOT bringing the total to \$18M.

VII. Next meeting: February 17, 2026 (Virtual)

VIII. Adjournment

Middlesex County made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m., City of Newark seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Freight Initiatives Committee

Attendance

December 15, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. Charles Kenny	Middlesex County
Hon. Stephen Shaw	Morris County
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Mark Jehnke	Ocean County
Andras Holzmann	Passaic County
Jonathan Eagle	Somerset County
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Janice Marino-Doyle	NJDOT
Alan Kearns	NJ TRANSIT
Dorian Smith	Gov's Authorities Unit
Henry Killian	PANYNJ
OTHERS	
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA
Adam DiSarro Alan Kearns Rosemary Nivar	NJ TRANSIT
Katrina Carey Demel Galliard Jack Holmes Catherine Ponte Kerry Goleski	NYC DOT
Dolores Martinez-Wooden	City of Newark
Hon. Bette Jane Kowalski Liza Betz	Union County
Jack Kanarek	Dewberry
Tanner Thul	Hudson County
Bob Hornby	Hunterdon County
Branislav Dimitrijevic	NJIT

John Hayes	Morris County
Dan Farina	DVRPC
Leslie Fordjour	NYMTC
Nipa Maniar	NJDOT
Stephan Pezdek Todd Goldman	PANYNJ
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Diana Rangel	
Dana Crisino	
George Bulow	
Charlie Romanow Stephen Chiaramonte	WSP, Advisory Services
Anne Strauss Wieder	
Allison Felix	
Jonathan Eagle	Somerset County
RonPC	
Sydney Chan	
Scott Parker	Jacobs
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