

NJ TransAction Conference Program Schedule and Workshop Sessions

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Registration Kiosks Open (Front of Exhibit Hall)
Waterfront Conference Center - Wildwood Rooms, 1st floor

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8:15 am – 10:15 am Ethics Workshop Session

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Workshop Sessions

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Exhibit Hall OPENS For All Attendees

9:00 am – 10:00 am

1. Building Around Transit: What NJ TRANSIT's Land Plan Means for New Jersey

Room: Wildwood 1-2

With the release of the NJ TRANSIT Land Plan, the agency is advancing a more intentional strategy to activate underutilized land assets. This panel, featuring an NJ TRANSIT representative, prominent land use attorney, and others in the private development community, will explore how NJ TRANSIT's Land Plan is shaping the future of development around stations and transit corridors—and what it means for municipalities, private developers, and the broader transportation community.

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2. Venice Lagoon Bridge Replacement – Resilient Access in a Coastal Environment

Room: Wildwood 6

The Venice Lagoon Bridge Replacement restored the only access route to Atlantic City's Venice Park Island community. The project replaced a structurally deficient marine bridge with a durable, multimodal structure using precast superstructure elements and concrete-filled steel pipe piles. A staged construction approach using temporary traffic signals to maintain continuous alternating single lane traffic throughout construction. This presentation highlights design innovation, constructability, environmental coordination, and lessons learned delivering resilient coastal infrastructure under limited access constraints.

Speaker: William Pyontek, Chief Engineer, Bridges, French & Parrello Associates (FPA)

3. Norfolk Light Rail Station Remediation

Room: Wildwood 12-13

Discussion of design challenges and solutions for the inspection of the existing light rail platform at Norfolk Station, Newark, to maintain existing systems until future modernization efforts. Scope discussions include understanding and defining the scope of work, inspection of existing concrete and various structural systems on the platform, preparation of repair documents, and implementation of repairs, all within the context of the larger modernization efforts by NJ TRANSIT for the light rail system.

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4. SJTPO - Moving the Needle on Complete Streets: Data, Demos, and Public Engagement

Room: Wildwood 18-19

In 2024, SJTPO launched a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program to support South Jersey communities through training and project-specific assistance. This session will provide a program update, highlighting a temporary demonstration project in Pennsville. Speakers will discuss use of the SJTPO lending library, installation of temporary traffic calming features, speed data collection, and public engagement. Updates on ongoing work in Buena and Egg Harbor City, along with upcoming application opportunities, will also be shared.

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5. Aerial Intelligence: A Strategic Roadmap for Drone Integration and Digital Transformation

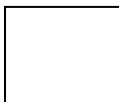
Room: Wildwood 21

This session empowers AEC professionals to integrate drones into construction, operations, and maintenance workflows. The workshop provides a practical overview of existing aerial reality capture solutions illustrated by case-studies. Participants will: explore drone capabilities, data processing, and emerging trends like AI-driven analytics and digital twins, gain a strategic roadmap for implementation, understand how projects could benefit from the safety and efficiency of aerial reality capture tools.

Speaker: Polina Ustinova, VDC/BIM Designer II / Drone Specialist, EnTech

Speaker: Nikita Sizov, VDC Engineer, EnTech

Speaker: TBD



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6. Local and International Perspectives on Project Lifecycle and Governance at NJ Transit Capital Planning and Network Rail

Room: Wildwood 23

Project governance is critical for ensuring that improvement projects built deliver expected outcomes. Learn about NJ Transit Commuter Rail's project initiation process, how improvements are being validated by systems modeling, and best practice in project governance and performance from UK rail operator and maintainer, Network Rail.

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7. Traffic Engineering Challenges at Brick Church Station

Room: Wildwood 25

This presentation will highlight how various traffic engineering challenges were overcome for a transit-oriented development constructed adjacent to NJ Transit's Brick Church Station. The project challenges included traffic signal timing and traffic signal design for two sets of signalized intersections with several stakeholders involved. Each set of signalized intersections contained an existing NJDOT owned signalized intersection located approximately 100 feet from a proposed signalized intersection to facilitate site access.

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8. Stop. Look. Learn: Advancing Safety in School Zones

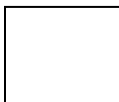
Room: Wildwood 1-2

Traffic crashes remain a leading cause of child fatalities, making school zone safety critical. This session highlights NJDOT's proactive approach to identifying school zone risks and explores two key strategies: infrastructure improvements and crossing guard training. Drawing on experience from the NJ Crossing Guard Training Program and focus group insights, we'll share practical recommendations for safer school zones through physical upgrades and human-centered solutions.

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9. STV - Coordinating a Complex Cutover – The Portal North Bridge Story

Room: Wildwood 6

The Portal North Bridge Project marks a transformative investment in the Northeast Corridor, replacing the century-old, movable Portal Bridge with a modern, two-track, fixed-span structure designed to enhance reliability, increase train speeds, and eliminate maritime-related delays. Executing the cutover for this new infrastructure—located on one of the most heavily traveled rail segments in the nation between Newark Penn Station and New York Penn Station—required an extraordinary level of planning, coordination, and operational discipline. Attendees will gain insight into the technical, logistical, and organizational challenges of performing a major cutover in a constrained, high-density rail environment. The Portal North Bridge cutover demonstrates how adaptive planning, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and rigorous operational modeling can successfully deliver critical infrastructure improvements that strengthen reliability and capacity along the Northeast Corridor.

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10. New Jersey County Governments Major Transportation and Transit Initiatives

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

Counties are increasingly taking an important role in leading delivery of significant transit projects. Camden County recently took a lead role in building a new Walter Rand Transportation Center, Middlesex County is now building a new New Brunswick Station. Bergen County, Hudson County, and Mercer County are all planning their transit / transportation futures, especially in advance of the 2029 TTF Reauthorization. Hear from leaders coordinating significant transportation and transit projects.

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11. NJTPA - Proven Traffic Safety Countermeasures in a Roundabout Way

Room: Wildwood 12-13

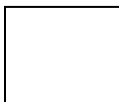
This session highlights successful implementation of traffic roundabouts (an FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure) through the NJTPA's Subregional Safety Program. Presenters will cover lessons learned, local support, design considerations, and more. Monmouth County will spotlight how it has used federal and county funds to complete several roundabout examples.

Moderator: TBD, NJTPA Board member

Speaker: Christine Mittman, NJTPA Senior Manager, Local Safety Programs

Speaker: Michael Nei, Monmouth County

Speaker: TBD, Urban



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12. Guide to Electrifying Community Transportation Fleets (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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13. Port Authority of NJ/NY - Transforming Flood Preparedness Through Real-Time Sensor Intelligence

Room: Wildwood 21

Flooding doesn't wait, so why should response planning? Learn how early warning signs, real-time water level sensors, and AI flood forecasting help protect critical operational resources and strengthen strategic decision making before storms strike. The Port Authority of NY & NJ presents the Transit Tech Lab's 1-Year pilot of Previsico, an AI-powered stormwater flood forecasting tool which predicts weather-driven disasters before they happen. By combining Previsico's live hydrodynamic flood model, real time water level sensors in critical flood pathways, and a centralized digital operational dashboard – businesses gain up to 48 hours' notice of flood risk and depth, providing clearer insight into deployment decisions. Previsico's stormwater flood forecast solution strengthens transportation governance by replacing manual reviews with enhanced forecast accuracy, accelerating response timelines, and strengthening the resilience of critical assets. With location-specific flood forecasts delivered up to 48 hours in advance combined with real time flood risk monitoring, organizations can move from reacting to flood events to proactively preventing their impact.

Moderator: Terriann Moore-Abrams, General Manager, Port Authority of NY & NJ,

Moderator: Keith Armonaitis, Principal Business Systems Analysts, Port Authority of NY & NJ

Speaker: Bhavesh Patel, Supervising Project Coordinator, Port Authority of NY & NJ

Speaker: Rich Kenny, Business Development Consultant, Previsico, LTD.

14. Automating Speed Limit Sign Condition Monitoring with Edge AI

Room: Wildwood 23

This talk presents a real-world pilot using edge-based computer vision to automatically detect, locate, and assess the condition of speed limit signs. It covers system design, AI performance in live traffic environments, and lessons learned from deploying at scale. The session highlights how automated monitoring can improve roadway asset management, reduce manual inspections, and support safer, more reliable transportation systems.

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15. World Cup 2026 - Community Celebrations in the Meadowlands

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Discover how the 2026 FIFA World Cup can bring our community together! Soccer fans across our region can join the excitement through cultural pop-ups, community celebrations, official watch parties, and the Fan Festival at Liberty State Park. This workshop, *What the World Cup Brings to Your Community*, will introduce the Community Engagement Toolkit, Flag Cities initiative, and World Cup Placemaking Guidebook to help you create local connections and lasting impact.

Moderator: Kinga Skora, EZ Ride

Moderator – Krishna Murthy, EZ Ride

Blythe Eaman (NJTPA) – World Cup Placemaking Guidebook

Jim Kirkos (MRCC) – Flag Cities

Kaitlyn Coari (ARUP) – Fan Festival

16. Keeping the Region Moving: Leaders in Transportation Resilience

Room: Wildwood 6

This session brings together leaders from the Delaware River Port Authority, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, and NJ TRANSIT to discuss how major transportation agencies are strengthening resilience. Panelists will share practical approaches to planning and investment aimed at reducing climate, operational, and financial risk while maintaining critical infrastructure and mobility.

Sara Margolis, ENV SP, Project Manager, Dewberry (**Moderator**)

Nicole Ochroch, PhD, PE, Engineering Program Manager, Delaware River Port Authority

Caroline Birsner, Manager, Environmental Design, New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Joseph Sollod, Manager for Sustainable Transit Planning & Programs, NJ TRANSIT

17. AMTRAK - Upgrading the Northeast Corridor for the Future

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

Amtrak and its partners are investing billions of dollars in the Northeast Corridor and making generational upgrades to major chokepoints and bottlenecks. Get the latest updates on major projects happening up and down the Washington to Boston corridor.

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18. Integrating Trails into the Transportation System: Advocacy, Acquisition and Implementation

Room: Wildwood 12-13

Trails and greenways can function as essential components of the transportation system and as safety countermeasures yet are often excluded from core planning and investment processes. This session examines the preservation of the Essex–Hudson Greenway as a once-in-a-generation investment in active transportation, achieved through coordinated advocacy, rail corridor acquisition, and transportation decision-making. Presenters will address translating public demand into transportation investment criteria, navigating rail real estate transactions, and integrating preserved corridors into safety planning, network development, programming, and future capital delivery.

Tiffany Robinson, Trails and Active Mobility Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition

Debra Kagan, Executive Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition

Dene Lee, Senior Vice President of Land, Northeast, Open Space Institute



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19. NJ COST (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Safety Management Systems, data collection, applying resources to risk, mitigation strategies, and safety reporting.

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20. Route 70, Route 38 to Cooper Avenue, (MP 0.00 to 8.80) - Utility Engineering Workshop

Room: Wildwood 21

This presentation provides training for utility management and preparation of deliverables for completion of the NJDOT CPM Final Design Phase. Resources and references are provided for identifying utility conflicts and preparation of proposed relocation. Separated by utility, the discussion reviews the required details for the Utility Owner Design Authorization Checklist, Utility Agreement Plans, Utility Construction Plans, Specifications and Estimate.

Speaker: Mark Cattuna, Associate Project Manager, McCormick Taylor

Speaker: Sarah Conway, Transportation Designer II, McCormick Taylor

21. NJ DOT - Exploring AI Pilots- NJDOT BRIIT Initiatives

Room: Wildwood 23

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer (BRIIT) is actively investigating pilot projects to assess the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within NJDOT units. By leveraging AI technologies, transportation agencies can revolutionize traffic management, improve predictive maintenance, optimize resource allocation, and address long-standing challenges with innovative solutions. This presentation will outline the strategic roadmap for NJDOT BRIIT initiatives, showcase efforts at the national level, and highlight current progress and initial findings from the pilot projects.

Panelist: Giri Venkiteela

NOTE – AI Session

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22. DVRPC - Before the Train Pulls In: Multimodal Planning for the Glassboro-Camden Line

Room: Wildwood 25

How do we plan for the areas surrounding major rail transit investments before they're built and operational? Join us as we explore strategies to incorporate community priorities, local transportation conditions, and geographic context into multimodal planning for two proposed Glassboro-Camden Line stations: Glassboro and Sewell. Learn how early, thoughtful planning can shape transit-supportive development, enhance connectivity and safety, and create vibrant, accessible communities.

Speaker: Jen Farris, Transportation Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC

Speaker: Chris Mulroy, Transportation Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC



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12:15 pm – 1:30 pm **LUNCH - Buffet Deli Meat Platters, Salads, Beverages & Desserts**

A casual deli style lunch with meat platters, salads, beverages and desserts will be available in the XXXX Room (follow signs XXXXXXXX). There is no lunch program or speakers at the Tuesday lunch.

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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

23. Safe & Accessible Streets: Complex Problems & Collaborative Community Solutions

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Across NJ, municipalities and school districts are adopting innovative strategies - like Safe Systems, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School and other safety-focused initiatives-to create streets that are safer, healthier, and accessible for everyone. Sometimes the geographic footprint and/or landscape gets in the way of safety. This panel explores complex safe & accessible street projects that involve multiple jurisdictions, agencies and other complicating factors that put pedestrians and micromobility operators in harms' way. Panelists will share lessons learned, including from the Perry Street Crossing cross-departmental ad hoc task force, as well as tools and approaches that prioritize safety and accessibility.

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24. Pavement Preservation-Reducing costs and supporting our Environment

Room: Wildwood 6

This panel will explore how pavement preservation strategies are helping transportation agencies stretch limited dollars while advancing important environmental goals. Rather than waiting for roads to fail and relying solely on costly full-depth rehabilitation or resurfacing, pavement preservation focuses on applying the right treatment at the right time to extend pavement life at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods. Panelists will discuss how techniques pavement preservation lowers energy consumption and cuts greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional mill-and-pave or full reconstruction projects. By keeping good roads in good condition, agencies can significantly reduce the carbon footprint associated with asphalt production, trucking, and construction activities.

Moderator: John Case, Hawk Strategies

Speaker: Robert Blight, NJDOT

Speaker: Ken Messina, Asphalt Paving Systems

Speaker: Matt Loper, Somerset County (Invited)



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25. Getting Started with a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Campaign

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

This presentation will guide you through the step-by-step process of developing a bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign, including defining goals, identifying audiences, selecting appropriate messaging, and choosing the right mix of media and outreach tools. The session will also address the importance of tone and tenor in safety messaging and explore how approaches—including the thoughtful use of humor—can be effective when applied appropriately.

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26. From Cars to Capacity: Leveraging EVs for Local Growth

Room: Wildwood 12-13

Beyond clean transportation, electric vehicles are a resource that can transform communities. This panel explores how EVs can drive economic growth, strengthen the grid, and advance equity. From public charging stations that attract visitors and boost local businesses, to managed fleet charging that reduces energy costs, to vehicle-to-grid technology that supports resilience and can offset new capacity needs, EVs offer opportunities far beyond mobility. Join leaders from NJBPU, local government, and the private sector for a conversation on how communities can harness EVs as an amenity, an economic driver, and an energy solution.

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27. Data, Dollars, and Outcomes: How TNCs Strengthen County Transportation Services? (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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28. AI Ready Owners: Building the Digital Thread for Confident Capital Delivery

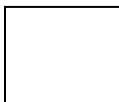
Room: Wildwood 21

Owners are under increasing pressure to deliver capital projects with greater speed, transparency, and predictability. AI offers transformative potential, but its value can only be realized when organizations establish a connected digital thread that links data across design, construction, and operations. This session outlines a practical framework for becoming AI ready. Attendees will learn how to integrate project information across systems, improve decision quality through connected data, and create a continuous flow of intelligence across the full asset lifecycle. The discussion will also clarify the rapidly evolving AI landscape, including embedded in-app intelligence, enterprise AI built on secure digital cores, and specialized project delivery solutions.

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29. NJ TRANSIT: Innovative Technologies in Public Transport

Room: Wildwood 23

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30. You Talkin' to Me? Awesome Public Engagement Success Stories

Room: Wildwood 25

This session showcases public engagement best practices; among them: how the NJTPA gathered input from more than 4,000 people for *Connecting Communities: The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan*, targeted outreach conducted by the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers to engage children and teens with the help of a new NJTPA mascot, and specialized public engagement for the East Orange, South Orange, and Montclair Safe Streets for All efforts.

Moderator: NJTPA Board Member TBD

Speaker: Ted Ritter, Manager, External Affairs, NJTPA

Speaker: Courtenay Mercer, Founding Principal + CEO, Mercer Planning Associates

Speaker: Catherine Heady, Research Project Coordinator, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers

2:40 pm – 3:40 pm

31. Capacity Constraints for NJTransit and How To Solve Them and Fund Them

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Proposals for the new NYC Penn Station don't include new capacity (including wider, safer platforms) for added NJTransit lines/capacity, such as peak hour one seat ride on Raritan Valley, and the MOM line, and underground expansion to the north or south of the Station are "on hold" per Amtrak's Andy Byford. Instead, Amtrak is studying "service optimization" and through-running" but there is no market for NJT riders to travel to Queens, Long Island or CT.

Janine Bauer, Szaferman

Moderator:

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32. NJTA and ACECNJ: A Partnership Built for Success

Room: Wildwood 6

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the American Council of Engineering Companies of New Jersey have built a longstanding working partnership that has resulted in meaningful enhancements to business practice, procurement, and project delivery issues. Join senior technical staff of the Authority and representatives of the consulting engineering profession to discuss these advancements along with what the future holds.

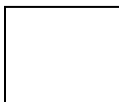
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33. NJTPA - Catching Up with the MPO Executive Directors

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

This session brings together New Jersey's three MPOs: the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). The executive directors of all three MPOs will address common issues, opportunities, and challenges regarding transportation planning in the state.

Moderator: Leigh Ann Von Hagen, AICP, PP, Executive Director, Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University

Speaker: David W. Behrend, AICP, NJTPA Executive Director

Speaker: Ariella Maron, DVRPC Executive Director

Speaker: Jennifer Marandino, PE, SJTPO Executive Director

34. STV - Infrastructure-Light Tolling and V2X: What Works

Room: Wildwood 12-13

As New Jersey advances all-electronic tolling (AET), agencies have real choices—not a single path. This options-oriented, vendor-neutral session lays out practical ways to protect revenue, improve safety, and boost customer satisfaction and acceptance. We'll cover infrastructure-light, fast-mobilization tolling points you can deploy in weeks; V2X assists at tough locations; occupancy detection where HOV policy applies; and BOS-friendly improvements to camera setup, DMV/address workflows, and notice/payment UX. Attendees will see when each option fits, what to watch for, and which KPIs to track (reads captured, DMV matches, paid by 30/60 days, manual review time, cost to collect, field exposure). The goal is a smoother, fairer AET cutover—clearer bills, easier ways to pay, fewer roadside exposures—while giving NJTA and peer agencies practical paths to try ideas with a 90-day pilot and scale only if results warrant.

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35. The Growing Role of Adaptive Transportation Network Companies for Paratransit in New Jersey in 2026 and Beyond

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Across the nation, mass transit agencies, counties, and other public transportation providers, have struggled to meet the growing demand for paratransit service. In recent years, agencies like NJ TRANSIT have sought to be innovative in how they enhance paratransit service through engagement with TNCs and other non-traditional service providers. Recently, advocates passed legislation to allow this new and innovative form of public transportation that will combine technology and a network of fully FTA compliant drivers to drive better performance, savings, and service. NJ TRANSIT has embraced this service and is now better equipped to ensure everyone, no matter their mobility needs, has access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation. By adding TNC's to existing paratransit service, public transportation providers can significantly expand their service area and impact on the disabled and disadvantaged communities. Counties are now taking advantage of this new transportation option to deliver new options to their most underserved populations. Learn from NJ TRANSIT, private sector leaders and experts who have delivered paratransit service all over the country, and county leaders who are engaging with this new and innovative approach to paratransit service.

Moderator: Anthony Attanasio, CEO, Hawk Strategies

Speaker: NJ TRANSIT

Speaker: Commissioner Tom Arnone, Monmouth County

Speaker: John Donlon, CEO, UZURV



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36. Navigating Today's Environmental Process: EAs, FONSIs and Adaptive Mitigation Plans for Project 1

Room: Wildwood 21

Key presentation take aways will be the rigorous environmental process completed at both the state and federal level; the effect of current environmental policy on the environmental justice and climate change; as well as how a first of its kind for the region Adaptive Management Plan is making commitments for program environmental success. Stakeholder coordination and public outreach used to plan, coordinate, and move this critical safety and improvements program forward will also be highlighted.

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37. Putting Near-Miss Data to Use: A Hoboken Case Study

Room: Wildwood 23

AI is reshaping traffic safety by turning near-misses into proactive insights. Unlike reactive crash data, near-miss analytics reveal emerging hazards and guide early design fixes. In Hoboken, NJ, the City collected and compared near-miss datasets from multiple vendors to map strengths and gaps. This case shows how near-miss intelligence augments routine engineering tasks, including warrant analyses and crash investigations, with broader and more timely data points.

Moderator: David Petrucci, Senior Project Manager - Transportation and Safety, Michael Baker International

Speaker: Stephen Ratke, Senior Project Manager - Transportation Safety, Michael Baker International

Speaker: Gregory Francese, Action Director of Transportation & Parking, City of Hoboken

Speaker: Jose Siera, Director of Traffic and Transportation, Hudson County Engineering

38. Residual Service Life Assessment and Long-Term Repair Strategy for Bridge Substructure Elements: Bridge on US Rte. 322 over Main & Mechanic Streets in Logan Township, Gloucester County

Room: Wildwood 25

In connection with the project to replace the existing bridge deck, an assessment was conducted to guide NJDOT on the condition and required interventions for the bridge substructure. A condition assessment and residual service life evaluation were performed on the concrete columns, pier caps, and abutments. Where deficiencies were identified, repair strategies were developed to extend the substructure's service life by at least 50 years. The results provided a technical basis to support informed decisions on the long-term management and rehabilitation of degrading infrastructure.

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No Workshop Sessions, Visit Exhibit Booths

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Expo Hall Opens for Attendees

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Refreshment Break Located in Rear of Expo Hall.

Assorted Beverages, Jumbo Gourmet Cookies, Fresh Fruit Cocktail,
Large Philly Pretzels

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39. More E-Scooters, More E-Bikes and More Safety Concerns Street Safety in the Era of Micromobility

Room: Wildwood 1-2

As e-scooters, e-bikes, and bicycles surge in popularity among young riders, communities are grappling with rising safety concerns and rapidly evolving registration and licensing mandates. This session will unpack the policies, infrastructure changes, and education efforts shaping safer streets in the micromobility era. Join our expert panelists to hear how they are harnessing micromobility to expand access and equity while safeguarding all road users in their communities.

Moderator: Michael Johnson, EZ Ride

Mayor Sheena Collum, South Orange, SOMa Bike Bus Program

Robert Estrick, Bike Share Program, Passaic UEZ

Research Specialist, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center



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40. You Have Two Minutes, Use Them Wisely: Meaningful Public Engagement in a Changing Landscape

Room: Wildwood 6

Public engagement serves two purposes at once: it is how communities shape projects that affect them, and it is how agencies surface risk before it turns into delays, litigation, or political blowback. This panel explores how well-timed, meaningful engagement can improve project outcomes while protecting schedules and agency credibility. Panelists will discuss how to identify pivotal moments for engagement, design processes that allow institutions to absorb input, and distinguish between feedback that must be addressed immediately and concerns that can be managed without stalling delivery.

Speaker: Debbie Mans, TWENTYTWENTY Public Affairs

Speaker: Zoe Baldwin, Regional Plan Association

Speaker: Gary Toth, Independent Consultant (Former NJDOT, Director, Project Planning and Development)

Speaker: Caryn Barnes, Langan (unconfirmed)

41. AMTRAK - Amtrak Major Station Upgrades

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

With Andy Byford at the helm, the Penn Station Transformation is full speed ahead. Hear the latest updates on the project from those who know it best.

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42. DVRPC - Safe Streets (placeholder)

Room: Wildwood 12-13

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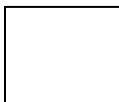
43. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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44. Save – Us – AV Vehicle Demo

Room: Wildwood 21

Moderator:

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45. SJTPO - A Showcase of Regional Travel Models in New Jersey: Current and Anticipated Future Applications

Room: Wildwood 25

Presenter:

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46. Steering the Future: How Transportation Leaders Are Shaping Ethical and Responsible AI

Room: Wildwood 25

AI is reshaping transportation whether we're ready or not—and the real test is adopting it responsibly. This dynamic panel brings together women innovators from firms of all sizes to unpack the must ask questions around governance, ethics, risk, and quality assurance. Attendees will gain strategic insights and practical guidance to help their organizations chart a confident, ethical path through the rapidly evolving world of AI.

Moderator: Michael Ruane, Associate Director of Data and Technology, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Speaker: Julia Moroney, PCM, Vice President, Director of Marketing, French & Parrello Associates

Speaker: Karam Choudhary, Traffic Engineer, PhD Candidate in Artificial Intelligence, WSP USA

Speaker: Carol C. Martsof, PE, PMP, ENV, SP, CPTD, LEED AP, F.ASCE, Director of Engineering Services, Envision Consultants



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8:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall OPENS For All Attendees

8:00 am - 9:30 am

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9:15 am - 6:00 pm

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8:15 am - 10:15 am

47-48. ETHICS for AICP & PDH (Hour 1)

(P) (E) Room: Wildwood XXXXXX

This 2-hour training satisfies ethics credits required for PE and AICP renewal. This session will cover ethics requirements for engineers and planners as well as discuss several case studies

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9:15 am - 10:15 am

49. GATEWAY - Hudson Tunnel Project Construction Update: Building the Most Urgent Rail Infrastructure Project in the Country

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Moderator:

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50. Maintenance Dredging and Channel Improvements for Wildwood Channel Complex

Room: Wildwood 4

In 2012, Superstorm Sandy heavily damaged the Wildwood Channel complex. NJDOT was charged with restoring the channels to safe and navigable depths to facilitate maritime transport. The project faced several challenges, including coordinating dredging efforts across multiple townships and meeting tight deadlines to avoid disrupting the tourist season. Nearly 140 "geobags" were used to dewater the dredged material, allowing for efficient and timely removal from three different sites to complete the \$11.6 million project.

Speaker: James Heeren, Associate Vice President, Environmental Services, Dewberry

Speaker: Joselyn Wall, Maritime Resident Engineer, New Jersey Department of Transportation



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51. Managing the Experience Cliff to Retain Institutional Knowledge on the Consultant and Agency Side

Room: Wildwood 6

Organizations in the built environment face an “experience cliff” as veteran talent exits, leading to knowledge loss and missed opportunities. This session presents a blueprint to capture knowledge and ensure continuity across programs. Attendees will learn to design effective project closeouts, decision logs, and playbooks aligned with governance and reporting pathways. Additionally, we explore how AI can enhance knowledge capture and retrieval while maintaining confidentiality and accuracy, providing a roadmap to stabilize institutional memory.

Moderator:

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52. PARSONS – Operational, Safety, and Complete Streets Improvements through Innovative Engineering and a "One Project Team" Approach - Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project, Contract 3

Room: Wildwood 12-13

The focus of this major design-build initiative is to transform urban infrastructure in the South Bronx by re-envisioning the Bruckner Expressway and improving the interchange at Sheridan and Bruckner Boulevards. Key elements include enhanced capacity on the Bruckner Expressway, safety and operational improvements to Bruckner Boulevard, and prioritizing pedestrian safety, access, and mobility with a modern shared-use path and a new pedestrian bridge. Sustainability is integrated through the installation of 24 electric vehicle charging stations. The presentation will expand on the project innovations and collaborative "One Project Team" approach which enabled significant schedule acceleration and budget adherence.

Moderator:

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53. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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54. Wait - We Can't Work Today?" Environmental Permit Compliance in the REAL World

Room: Wildwood 21

This interactive session explores the interaction of existing and new environmental permit conditions (weather, tide, species restrictions) under NJDEP's REAL rules which may affect construction schedules. Framed as a mock pre-construction meeting for a bridge project, environmental and archaeological specialists introduce regulatory requirements before the anxious contractor enters to challenge schedule, mobilization, and monitoring requirements. Discussion of where and how REAL-driven constraints could have been better anticipated and incorporated into final design will be included.

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55. NJ DOT - Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials for Marsh Restoration at Stouts Creek Impoundment

Room: Wildwood 23

This presentation will present the life-cycle of a dredging project, which provided both navigation safety and coastal resilience. Material dredged from regional navigation channels was used to restore the marsh platform of a failing wildlife management impoundment in Lacey Twp. The Stouts Creek Impoundment within the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (EBFWF) was identified as a prime candidate to use dredged material as a means to improve deteriorating marsh floor elevations to healthy low-marsh target elevations. The NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources partnered with the EBFWF and Lacey Township to bring this project to fruition. The presentation will discuss the strong collaborative efforts required to determine ecological goals; obtain regulatory permits and complete project design; project procurement and construction challenges; monitoring; and, lessons-learned.

Moderator: Genevieve Clifton, Director, NJDOT/Office of Maritime Resources and Construction Support

Panelist: Aiden Rogers, RE, NJDOT/Office of Maritime Resources

Panelist: Michael J. Marano PE, Vice President, WSP USA Inc.

Panelist: Sean Flanigan, Director of Marine Services, Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.

Panelist: Katie Axt, NJDOT/OMR Staff Extension



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10:45 am - 11:55 am

56. Hardening the Gate: Engineering Solutions for Fare Compliance

Room: Wildwood 1-2

As transit agencies in the Northeast grapple with post-pandemic ridership shifts and revenue shortfalls, fare evasion has emerged as a critical challenge to financial sustainability and system equity. This panel brings together leadership and technical experts from the four largest transit providers in the region - PATH, SEPTA, WMATA, and the MTA - to discuss their pilot programs and the challenge of balancing fare compliance with maintaining an accessible, welcoming environment for all riders.

Kelly Bird, STV Incorporated

Moderator:

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57. MS4 Kicking the Can: MS4/Water Resources Impacts to Municipalities, Counties, Transportation Agencies, and Public Complexes

Room: Wildwood 4

MS4 is a little acronym packed with a lot of meaning. Overall permitting regulations include the implementation of best management practices, *designed* to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the network and control flooding. Pollutants and flooding create unsafe conditions, impacting the health, safety, and welfare of the communities we serve. Matters to be considered include network connections and influences from transportation projects, the need for green onsite controls, basin to inlet concept, outfalls, inventory, assessments, and improvement plans. Evaluations, needed to assess the manner of cover and the connected assets, are key in driving toward the proper mitigation and context sensitive design. Realized success is a reduction in unmanaged flooding, delivery of higher water quality and demonstrating compliance; that is a lot to tackle, one project at a time.

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58. Using Planning as Project Development Approach to Accelerate Critical Infrastructure Projects

Room: Wildwood 6

This session will be led by the authors of the recently published and inspirational book, "Make No Little Plans: A Planning as Project Development Approach to Building Infrastructure". This session will describe tips and tools to lead teams in a collaborative infrastructure project development process to buy down risk and maximize the return on investment of limited public dollars for roads, bridges, and transit projects.

Moderator & Speaker: Brian Pieplow, Principal Planner, mcfa

Speaker: Michael Fuhrman, Partner and Co-Founder, mcfa

59. NJDOT – 2026 FIFA World Cup (A High-Level Overview)

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

Description: TBD

Moderator: Sal Cowan, Senior Director, Transportation Mobility, Operations, NJDOT

Panelist: Chris Feintheil, Assistant Commissioner, Operations, NJ DOT

Panelist: Colonel David Sierotowicz, Acting Superintendent #5885, NJ State Police

Panelist: Justin P. Davis, Chief of Staff, NJ TRANSIT

Panelist: Kaitlin Coari, Director of Transportation, FIFA World Cup Host Committee

60. Freight Movement & Supply Chain Stability: A Foundation for Economic Strength

Room: Wildwood 12-13

Discussions will include; The impact of freight efficiency on consumer costs, and how improvements here mean better affordability, Policies that improve reliability without new mandates, Rail, trucking, and port innovations, Working with businesses to solve congestion challenges, Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

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61. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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62. Leveraging AI To Do More with Less

Room: Wildwood 21

This session will highlight two examples where AI is used to combine existing data sources to provide more results than traditional methods would. The first example will demonstrate how AI is used with existing data to predict secondary impacts on adjacent routes when lanes or roadways are closed for construction. The second presentation will demonstrate how vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle behavior can be analyzed and studied for conflict safety analysis and geometric changes using video.

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63. Efficiency vs Deficiency, Designing projects for Maximum Practicable Extent (Chapel Drive (CR 623) & Griggstown Causeway (CR 632), Bridges over D & R Canal)

Room: Wildwood 25

We are supporting NJDOT on the Griggstown/Chapel project, which includes significant constraints related to historic properties, ROW limitations, utilities, and geometric challenges. While some features remain substandard, our approach enhances the overall project footprint and improves safety for all users. Design decisions balance standards with context-sensitive solutions, making the project a strong example for County/Municipal stakeholder presentations.

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Opening Remarks: Michael M. Vieira, Conference Vice-Chair

Frank Reilly, Conference Chairman

Master of Ceremonies: Anthony Attanasio, CEO, Hawk Strategies

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1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

64. GATEWAY - Better Relationships Build Infrastructure: The Hudson Tunnel Project Approach to Community Engagement

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Moderator:

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65. (SJTPO) - Master Plan

Room: Wildwood 4

Moderator:

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66. Creating Community Connections through Greenways: Lessons Learned

Room: Wildwood 6

Panel discussion will focus on firsthand lessons learned from a range of multi-disciplined experts on all phases of the planning, design, and construction process for creating greenway connections to New Jersey's downtowns, transit stations, recreation areas, and places where people of all ages live & work. Panel experts will include local officials, advocates, state/regional agency representatives, and planning, engineering, and design professionals. Visuals and graphics will feature case studies.

Speaker: William Garro, III, Supervising Engineer (PE), NV5, Inc.

Speaker: Bettina Zimny, Vice President, Planning (PP/AICP), NV5, Inc.

67. VIP Panel- New Jersey's Transportation Agency Leadership, A View from the Top

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

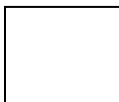
New Jersey is at a crossroads. Aging infrastructure, the need for a permanent solution to the transportation funding issue, new leadership in Trenton and Washington... What does this all mean for New Jersey and our transportation network? Thankfully, New Jersey's transportation agencies have experienced leaders at the helm. Hear from those leaders as they discuss the current state of affairs at their respective agencies and where the new administration plans to take our transportation network for the next four years.

Moderator: Anthony Attanasio, Hawk Strategies (Confirmed)

Speaker: Acting NJDOT Commissioner Priya Jain (Invited)

Speaker: NJ TRANSIT President & CEO and NJ Turnpike Executive Director Kris Kolluri (Invited)

Speaker: South Jersey Transportation Authority Executive Director Stephen F. Dougherty (Invited)



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68. Port Authority of NJ/NY - From Redlines to Real-Time: How AI Is Transforming Construction Drawing Reviews

Room: Wildwood 12-13

As construction drawings grow more complex, manual reviews struggle to keep up. This session dives into how AI-powered intelligence is reshaping how teams approve final revisions with greater speed and confidence. The Port Authority of NY & NJ presents the Transit Tech Lab's 1-Year pilot of Twin Knowledge (TK) will evaluate how AI-powered intelligence can automate the current Port Authority's construction document review process. Through advanced document analysis, Twin Knowledge flags critical changes across drawing iterations, aligns with standard template consistency, and validates information compliance standards which deliver efficient results. Over the course of the pilot, the Port Authority will assess whether these capabilities reduce review cycle times, improve accuracy, expedite capital project delivery, and seamlessly integrate with existing tools such as Bluebeam. Twin Knowledge strengthens Engineering governance by replacing manual reviews with an automated, standards-driven approach that improves accuracy, traceability, and confidence in design compliance.

Moderator: Eric Bi, PANYNJ Contract Staff

Speaker: Juan Salamanca, PANYNJ Senior Engineer

Speaker: Ivan Panushev, CEO; Luke Reeve, Principal Solutions Architect

69. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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70. NJ DOT and the I-Bank: A Partnership in Savings

Room: Wildwood 21

Learn how the I-Bank's low-cost funding helps Local Government Units maximize savings when financing transportation projects. This presentation covers borrower and project eligibility, funding opportunities, program timelines, budget benefits, and case studies. Discover how NJ-Moves, an online application platform, streamlines the process to decrease annual budget costs and deliver savings for ratepayers through the Transportation Bank's short- and long-term programs.

Speaker: Melinda Roslon, Project Manager, NJ I-Bank

Speaker: Brian Wirtz, NJ DOT Project Management Specialist , Local Aid Division, NJ DOT



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71. TRIANGULATION: Addressing Project Pain Points in Survey and Right-of-Way to Improve Performance and Deliverables.

Room: Wildwood 23

This presentation will be hosted by a panel of industry professionals who will examine the distinctions between surveys and maps, as well as their applications to the various phases of transportation projects. Understanding the difference between survey and right-of-way, key phrases or tasks to ask for when scoping survey work for transportation projects, and how a lack of understanding can result in project overruns, increased liability, issues with deliverables, and delays on project submission.

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2:30 pm - 3:50 pm

No Workshops, Visit Exhibits in Exhibit Hall.

Exhibit Hall Open all afternoon until 5:00pm

3:50 pm - 4:50 pm

72. AMTRAK - The New Amtrak Fleet

Room: Wildwood 1-2

An update on fleet upgrades coming to Amtrak. Hear the latest news about the NextGen Acela, as well as new regional equipment - the Airo - rolling out soon.

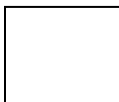
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73. Zoning for People; How Appropriate Zoning Around Underutilized Rail Corridors Could Significantly Lower the Cost of Living (Part 1 of 2)

Room: Wildwood 4

Overview of the economic and Lifestyle reasons why a community designed with rail as the prime method of transportation could offer a reduction in the cost of living over a community with highways as the prime method of transportation. Changes in existing zoning laws for the benefits to be realized will be discussed.

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74. NJ DOT - I-80 Emergency Sinkhole Closure, Mobility and Traffic Impact

Room: Wildwood 6

An overview of the I-80 sinkhole emergency, its impacts on mobility, and the traffic engineering strategies NJDOT implemented to mitigate disruptions.

Moderator: Vandana Mathur, Supervisor, Mobility Planning and Research, NJDOT

Panelist: Konstantinos Kyros, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT

Panelist: Osvaldo Martinez-Pineda, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT

75. Moving Forward – Agency Actions (Part 1 of 2)

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

How are our transportation agencies working together to keep people and goods moving safely, efficiently, and reliably? Join us for an in-depth discussion on major capital investments underway at NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Port Authority of NY & NJ, and DRPA. We will explore key initiatives, project delivery approaches, interagency partnerships, and what lies ahead on the capital horizon. In addition, we'll highlight how these organizations are navigating change management—aligning stakeholders, adapting to evolving priorities, and ensuring continuity across complex, multi-agency programs. Come gain insight into how leaders are shaping the future of transportation and preparing for the next generation of infrastructure needs.

Moderators: Jacqueline Rooke, WTS New Jersey President and Kyrra Hana Mosely, WTS New Jersey Vice President

Speaker: Parth Oza, NJDOT, Assistant Commissioner, Capital Program Management (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Jennifer Buison, NJ TRANSIT, Director of Capital Planning (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Dan Hesslein, NJ Turnpike Authority, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Daniel Corrigan, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Chief Engineer / Director of Engineering (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Rizwan Baig, PANYNJ, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Michael Venuto, DRPA, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)



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76. NJ TRANSIT: Contracting Opportunities at NJT

Room: Wildwood 12-13

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77. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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78. NJTPA - The NJTPA's Municipal Programs: Making Great Places Even Greater!

Room: Wildwood 23

This session spotlights the NJTPA's successful municipal programs including: the Complete Street Technical Assistance, Vibrant Places, and Planning for Emerging Centers Programs. Learn-how these competitive programs, and the projects completed through them, result in implementation and great placemaking.

Moderator: TBD, NJTPA Board member

Speaker: Blythe Eaman, AICP, Director, Environmental & Sustainability Planning, NJTPA

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79. Port Authority of NJ/NY - Paper to Portal – JAWNT

Room: Wildwood 25

Nearly 85% of goods entering and leaving the port travel by truck, making secure, efficient gate access critical to daily operations. From click to cargo, Jawnt is a digital mobility platform that simplifies and modernizes transit pass enrollment for organizations, making it easier for employees, students, and customers to access public transportation. The Port Authority of NY & NJ presents the Transit Tech Lab's 1-Year pilot of Jawnt will support the PANYNJ's Truck Service Center (TSC) issuing of SeaLink PANYNJ truck driver identification cards. SeaLink enables trucks to move quickly and safely through our marine terminal gates, speeding the flow of thousands of containers in and out of the Port each day. Jawnt is focused on digitizing the current paper-based Truck company and Truck driver registration process, creating a self-service portal to expedite the issuance of SeaLink driver credentials. It's time to innovate the workday operations by reducing administrative burdens, while enabling vetted access to the region.

Moderator: Keith Armonaitis, Principal Business Systems Analysts, Port Authority of NY & NJ

Moderator: Terriann Moore-Abrams, Esq., General Manager & Chief of Staff, Port Authority of NY & NJ

Speaker: Cheryl Smith, Manager Technology Development, Port Authority of NY & NJ

Speaker: TBD



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80. SJTPO - Traffic Operations Backstage Pass: NJ Transportation Management Center (TMC) Video Showcase

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Step behind the scenes of real-time traffic operations through short video tours of Traffic Management Centers in NJ and the region. See how centers monitor conditions, detect and manage incidents, coordinate across jurisdictions, adjust signal timing, and deliver traveler information. Brief interviews with TMC staff offer candid insight into workflows, tools, communications, and rapid decision-making. Hosted by ITS NJ, this session offers a virtual visit to multiple TMCs and highlights their critical role in transportation operations.

Moderator:

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81. Zoning for People; How Appropriate Zoning Around Underutilized Rail Corridors Could Significantly Lower the Cost of Living (Part 2 of 2)

Room: Wildwood 4

Overview of the economic and Lifestyle reasons why a community designed with rail as the prime method of transportation could offer a reduction in the cost of living over a community with highways as the prime method of transportation. Changes in existing zoning laws for the benefits to be realized will be discussed.

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82. Leveraging AI in your Estimating Process

Room: Wildwood 6

PinPoint Analytics leverages AI to transform historical bid data into actionable cost insights for public infrastructure stakeholders. Designed for municipalities, engineering firms, and contractors alike, the platform improves estimating consistency, risk awareness, and decision-making throughout the procurement and delivery process.

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83. Moving Forward – Agency Actions (Part 2 of 2)

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

How are our transportation agencies working together to keep people and goods moving safely, efficiently, and reliably? Join us for an in-depth discussion on major capital investments underway at NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Port Authority of NY & NJ, and DRPA. We will explore key initiatives, project delivery approaches, interagency partnerships, and what lies ahead on the capital horizon. In addition, we'll highlight how these organizations are navigating change management—aligning stakeholders, adapting to evolving priorities, and ensuring continuity across complex, multi-agency programs. Come gain insight into how leaders are shaping the future of transportation and preparing for the next generation of infrastructure needs.

Moderators: Jacqueline Rooke, WTS New Jersey President and Kyrra Hana Mosely, WTS New Jersey Vice President

Speaker: Parth Oza, NJDOT, Assistant Commissioner, Capital Program Management (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Jennifer Buisson, NJ TRANSIT, Director of Capital Planning (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Dan Hesslein, NJ Turnpike Authority, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Daniel Corrigan, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Chief Engineer / Director of Engineering (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Rizwan Baig, PANYNJ, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)

Speaker: Michael Venuto, DRPA, Chief Engineer (Pending Approval)

84. NJDOT - Better Data = Better Decisions

Room: Wildwood 12-13

This session will spotlight specific enhancements in roadway and crash data accuracy, integration, and accessibility, demonstrating how these improvements empower transportation professionals to make more informed and effective decisions. By exploring innovative data tools, the presentation will reveal how enhanced data and data collection efforts can be accessed and harnessed to identify risk factors, prioritize safety initiatives, and optimize resource allocation. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of how leveraging improved data quality can drive the development of impactful projects, ultimately contributing to a safer and more robust transportation network.

Panelist: Frank Neary, Director, NJDOT Division of Safety Programs and Transportation Data

Panelist: Peter Brzostowski, Section Chief, NJDOT Bureau of Transportation Data and Support

Panelist: TBD, Michael Baker International or GPI

85. NJ COST - (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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86. The New Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge through NJTPA's Local Capital Project Delivery Program

Room: Wildwood 21

The new Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge was Federally funded for concept development, design and construction through NJTPA's Local Capital Project Delivery Program. Rumson was the first project under this program. This workshop will discuss the challenges, successes and the lessons learned from delivering this project from concept through construction.

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87. NJ TRANSIT: Brielle Bridge Design

Room: Wildwood 23

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88. NJ TRANSIT: Historic Preservation at New Jersey Transit - Protecting Our Legacy While Building For The Future

Room: Wildwood 1-2

An overview of historic preservation at NJ TRANSIT will be presented from the perspective of capital project development. The regulatory framework that triggers historic preservation review (NEPA, Section 106, and the NJ Register of Historic Places Act) will be discussed. Attendees will gain insight into how historic preservation is integrated throughout the project lifecycle. The LCOR Hoboken Connect Project will be showcased. Challenges associated with historic preservation in a modern transit environment will be discussed.

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89. DVRPC - Understanding Freight Growth and Congestion on US 322 in Gloucester County

Room: Wildwood 4

This session will present findings from DVRPC's US 322 Freight Corridor Study, which examines how rapid industrial growth and planned highway improvements are reshaping freight and passenger travel along a critical goods-movement corridor in Gloucester County, New Jersey. The presentation will describe how regional travel modeling, local traffic operations analysis, and land-use review were combined to understand existing bottlenecks, future truck demand, and the potential impacts of new development through 2050. Attendees will learn about a range of evaluated strategies and investments aimed at relieving congestion on the county-owned segment of US 322 while supporting freight activity and reducing community impacts.

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90. Certified to Win: How to Leverage EVAL Certification for Sustainable Jersey Certification and Grant Success

Room: Wildwood 6

Discover how your community can cut costs, reduce emissions, and earn recognition through Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership (EVAL) certification. Sustainable Jersey's new "Clean and Green Commuting" action rewards municipalities that advance EV adoption with points and funding opportunities. Join us to learn how EVAL certification supports Sustainable Jersey certification and hear from two pioneering communities leading the way in sustainable transportation and public EV charging infrastructure.

Moderator: Lisa Lee, EZ Ride

Nancy Quirk, Sustainable Jersey

Nancy Blackwood, Red Bank

Kevin O'Sullivan, Verona **or** James Bonnano, Asbury Park

Stan Jaracz, EZ Ride



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91. What Does New Jersey Law Say About Bicyclists and Pedestrians?

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

This session provides an overview of Title 39, the New Jersey statute that defines the rights, duties, and responsibilities of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. The presentation will translate legal language into plain terms, clarify how the law applies in real-world situations, and dispel common myths and misconceptions about who is permitted to do what on New Jersey roads. The session will also include an update on recent legislation related to e-bikes and micromobility.

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92. NJ DOT- Successful Pollinators along NJ Roadway

Room: Wildwood 12-13

This session highlights the collaborative efforts of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA), and South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) in advancing roadway stewardship across the state by examining how pollinator habitats are being successfully established within highway rights-of-way while maintaining safety, functionality, and visual appeal. Emphasis is placed on environmentally sustainable maintenance practices that support biodiversity and long-term ecological health. The presentation will showcase successful plant species currently used along New Jersey roadways and provide a comparative cost analysis between pollinator-friendly management and traditional right-of-way maintenance approaches. Attendees will gain insight into the critical role pollinators play in environmental sustainability, ecosystem resilience, and roadway aesthetics. The session concludes with a forward-looking discussion on future implementation strategies and how continued adoption of pollinator-friendly practices can lead to sustainable and scalable success statewide.

Panelist: Lois Johann, NJDOT

Panelist: Rob Dolge, NJDOT

Panelist: Gabby Popolo, NJDOT

Panelist: Nick Berezansky, NJ Turnpike

93. NJ COST (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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94. Evaluating Pavement Macrottexture Using 3D Laser Technology and Its Correlation with Skid Resistance

Room: Wildwood 23

Case Study on the Correlation between 3D laser survey of pavement macrottexture and skid resistance testing as an alternative to assessing wet weather accident prone pavements.

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95. NJTPA - Getting the Signal: The NJTPA's Traffic Signal Strategic Investment Framework

Room: Wildwood 25

The NJTPA's Traffic Signal Strategic Investment Framework aims to strengthen the planning and investment in local traffic signals across the region. This session presents the objective and scope, how best practices were documented and aligned with the NJTPA's LRTP, the approach used to validate a dataset of traffic signals, and the network screening method with core data elements. The session also will include insights stakeholder engagement insights and cover how investment guides data driven prioritization of signal upgrades, operations, and maintenance.

Moderator: TBD, either NJTPA Board member or (more likely) Andy Kaplan, PE, PTOE, RSP1; NJTPA, Manager Planning for Transportation Technology and Operations

Speaker: Brad Miller, Michael Baker (tentative)

Speaker: George Fallet, Middlesex County (tentative)

Speaker: Andras Holtzmann, Passaic County (tentative)

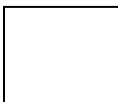
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96. 2026 World Cup - Construction of Devices and Technology Intended for Use During the World Cup Soccer Event

Room: Wildwood 1-2

Discuss the accelerated construction schedule for this project along with the lessons learned and the issues faced during the construction period from June 2025 to May of 2026. Discuss the new technologies deployed along with how they will be used during and after the World Cup Soccer event summer 2026.

Speaker: Alfred Brenner, Director, Construction Management, Advantage Engineering

Speaker: Ted Ritter, Manager External Affairs, NJTPA

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97. SJTPO - Common Traffic Signal Design Issues and How to Resolve Them from the Perspective of Installers and Maintainers

Room: Wildwood 4

Designing a traffic signal is the first step; during field implementation, challenges often arise. This session brings together controller manufacturers, contractors, and maintenance staff to discuss common design issues encountered during construction, activation, and long-term operation. Topics include cabinet layout, equipment compatibility, conduit routing, detection, grounding, communications, and wiring clearances. Attendees will gain practical insights to improve constructability, reduce change orders, ease troubleshooting, and extend system longevity. Hosted by the ITS NJ Traffic Signals Committee.

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98. STV - Transit, Urban Design, and the Future of Downtown Camden

Room: Wildwood 6

This panel discussion will examine how targeted transit investments and coordinated urban design initiatives are collectively shaping the future of Downtown Camden. The session will highlight key transit enhancements, including the Coopers Poynt Pedestrian Bridge, the Camden Loop shuttle service, and the proposed Glassboro–Camden Line, alongside transformative urban design and redevelopment projects such as the future Walter Rand Transportation Center, Beacon Tower, and emerging waterfront opportunities. The discussion will underscore the reciprocal relationship between transit infrastructure and strategic urban design in reimagining the character, functionality, and identity of Downtown Camden.

Moderator: John Manzone – STV - Vice President / North Area Planning Director

Speaker: Jeff Nash – CEO of the Rutgers/Rowan Joint Board

Speaker: Joe Myers – CFO of the Camden Community Partnership

Speaker: Eric Daleo – President of Telos Advisers

99. Active Transportation Options for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum - All Abilities Bike Pilot Program Implementation

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

This presentation examines biking as an inclusive active transportation option for youth on the autism spectrum. Keep Middlesex Moving partnered with the Strider Education Foundation and East Brunswick Recreation's camps to run the FIRST EVER All Abilities Bike Pilot Camp. Eight students aged 8–16 attended ten one-hour sessions, built and learned to ride bikes, kept them, and experienced positive, flexible, and impactful outcomes overall. The program promotes transportation independence for all in the built environment.

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100. Modern Road Safety Audits and Assessments in New Jersey – Working Together, Implementing the Safe System Approach

Room: Wildwood 12-13

New Jersey has long embraced road safety audits to improve roadway performance, though challenges like funding, scheduling, and reporting remain. Modern audits identify opportunities at existing problem areas and projects in design, supporting a safe system approach statewide. This session highlights NJDOT's strategies for deploying audits and programs that make a difference, leveraging the latest tools and resources to overcome obstacles and enhance safety across the Garden State.

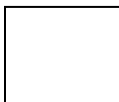
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101. NJ COST (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

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102. Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Construction Dispute Resolution

Room: Wildwood 21

AI is revolutionizing industries worldwide with construction no exception. From project management to risk assessment, AI-driven tools are improving efficiency and effectiveness. How does AI factor into resolving construction disputes—one of the A/E/C industry's most persistent challenges? Tom Mitchell, a Senior Project Manager with 30+ years of experience, is at the forefront of AI applications in construction dispute resolution. He will explore AI's current uses, potential for resolving conflicts, and legal/ethical challenges to address.

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103. NJ DOT - LiDAR- Traffic Monitoring and Automatic Lane Management

Room: Wildwood 23

LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) is a laser-based sensing technology that measures distance with remarkable precision, enabling highly accurate 3D mapping and object detection. It's widely used today in autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, environmental surveying, and infrastructure planning.

Moderator: Bryan Kepler, Supervisor, Bureau of Mobility Innovation and Support, NJDOT

Panelist: Thomas Murphy, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT

Panelist: Osvaldo Martinez-Pineda, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT

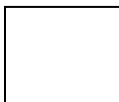
104. DVRPC – Regional Government Meeting Local Needs: Engagement & Design Support for Communities

Room: Wildwood 25

DVRPC will provide an overview of the Supporting Communities program, which helps municipalities identify granular transportation needs, develop planning solutions, provide technical assistance, and pursue funding. Through a case study in Woodbury, NJ that highlights DVRPC's engagement and planning work, we'll share insights about engaging with municipalities, connecting with residents to hear their needs, and designing short-term and long-term

Speaker: Shoshana Akins, Manager, Public Participation Planning, DVRPC

Speaker: Will Parker, Transportation Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC



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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

105. PARSONS – The New Jersey Turnpike Authority’s Newark Bay Bridge Replacement Project – Update and DBB vs DB Lessons Learned

Room: Wildwood 1-2

This presentation will provide an update on the design status and key considerations of the new twin 800-foot-span cable-stayed bridges. The presentation will also incorporate a discussion of valuable lessons learned.

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106. DVRPC - Designing Stakeholder Workshops That Deliver Value for All

Room: Wildwood 4

Workshops are a valuable forum for generating ideas and understanding priorities, but their success depends on producing insights that are meaningful for your organization. This session shares practical guidance and tips utilized by the DVRPC's Public Participation Task Force for the annual Unified Planning Work Program Workshop, including considerations for promotion, facilitation materials, and leading group discussions that generate relevant feedback. Walk away with approachable strategies for hosting stakeholder workshops that are both effective and welcoming!

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107. Decarbonization of Transportation in the Tri-State Area: A Fireside Chat

Room: Wildwood 6

Join leaders from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and the Delaware River Port Authority for a fireside chat about decarbonization of transportation in New Jersey. Panelists will share how their agencies are approaching decarbonization, and the strategies, successes, and challenges in creating a zero-carbon transportation sector in New Jersey.

Moderator: David Nowak, ENV SP, LEED AP, Senior Scientist, Dewberry

Speaker: Thomas Abdallah, PE, LEED AP, Vice President of Design Services & Chief Environmental Engineer, MTA

Speaker: Lu Ding, PE, PTOE, Project Engineer, Planning, Engineering Department, New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Speaker: Peg Hanna, Director, Division of Climate Change Mitigation and Monitoring, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Speaker: Nicole Ochroch, Senior Engineer, Delaware River Port Authority

Speaker: TBD - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

108. Rethinking E-Bike Policy: New Jersey's Evolving Micromobility Landscape

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

In 2025, NJDOT BPRC released the New Jersey Micromobility Guide. Since then, evolving local policies and ongoing legislative efforts have added complexity to e-bike regulation. This session will summarize current state laws, highlight key guidance from the Guide, and outline emerging issues as communities respond to growing e-bike use. Presenters will share research on e-bike use to access essential needs, along with best practices in micromobility policies.

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109. Innovative Approaches to Safety Planning: The Meadowlands Action Plan for Safety

Room: Wildwood 12-13

The Meadowlands Action Plan for Safety, prepared by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority with consultant support, required some innovative approaches since the NJSEA does not have roadway jurisdiction within the Meadowlands District. This session will highlight some of those approaches including how the District High-Injury Network was defined, the important role of policy strategies, and how a Safety Assessment Tool (SAT) dashboard will be used to support ongoing planning efforts beyond plan adoption.

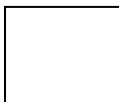
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110. NJ COST (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

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111. Supercharge your team with an AI-powered Virtual Traffic Operations Agent

Room: Wildwood 23

Modern traffic agencies are rich in data but poor in insight. Despite advanced detection systems, teams are overwhelmed by manual analysis and remain reactive, responding to complaints instead of optimizing networks. This session introduces Agentic AI: a domain-specific "Virtual Traffic Operations Assistant" designed for traffic engineering workflows. Unlike dashboards or generic AI, these agents multiply effectiveness by automating analysis, diagnosis, and actionable recommendations across traffic management operations.

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112. Implementing Target Zero: Bus Stop Design

Room: Wildwood 25

Examples from other states and transit agencies on how to improve bus stop accessibility and safety. Encouraging roadway designers, counties, and municipalities to incorporate bus stop improvements into corridor projects, as well as spot improvements.

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