

# NJ TransAction Conference Program Schedule and Workshop Sessions

The 202 NJ TransAction Workshop Session Program is still in Draft Form. We will be completing the workshop presentations as well as assigning planning and engineering CE's – DRAFT AS OF 3-15-26

## 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

**9:00 am - 6:00 pm** Workshop Sessions

**3:30 pm – 6:30 pm** Exhibit Hall OPENS For All Attendees

### TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE - TEA STATION

Located in Hallway #2

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#### **9:00 am – 10:00 am**

##### **1. Moving the Needle on Complete Streets: Data, Demos, and Public Engagement**

Room: Wildwood 1-2

In 2024, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization launched a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program to help South Jersey communities turn ideas into action. This session spotlights a hands-on demonstration project in Pennsville, featuring temporary traffic calming installations, speed data collection, and community engagement in practice. Hear lessons learned from the field, get updates on Buena and Egg Harbor City, and find out how your municipality can apply for upcoming assistance opportunities.

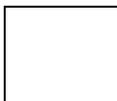
- Jennifer Marandino, P.E., Executive Director, SJTPO
- Kristen McLaughlin, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner, CCC TMA
- James Sinclair, Senior Research Specialist, Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University
- Stephen J. Krough, Emergency Management Coordinator, Pennsville Township

##### **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 was utilized throughout construction. This presentation highlights design innovation, constructability, environmental coordination, and lessons learned delivering resilient coastal infrastructure under limited access constraints.

- William C. Pyontek, PE, PP, Chief Engineer - Bridges, French & Parrello Associates (FPA)



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

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

With the release of its Land Plan, NJ TRANSIT is advancing a more intentional approach to activating underutilized land assets. This panel will examine how the plan is influencing transit-oriented development around stations and along key corridors, highlighting opportunities and challenges ahead. Panelists will discuss implications for municipalities, private developers, and public agencies, as well as how coordinated planning can drive economic growth, improve mobility, and create more vibrant, connected communities statewide across New Jersey.

- Stephen Gardner, Strategic Advisory Board, Telos Advisers (**Moderator**)
- Gagandeep Singh, Senior Advisor for Real Estate, NJ TRANSIT
- Megan Strickland, Principal Managing Director, Telos Advisers
- Ted Zangari, Member, Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.

### **4. 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.

- Patrick Doliber, PE, SE, Technical Director Building Structures, LiRo-Hill

### **5. From Grant to Garage: Deploying EVs in NJ Community Transit (Paratransit & Community Transportation)**

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Electric vehicles are no longer just a big-city transit conversation — they're becoming a real opportunity for New Jersey's community transportation providers. This interactive panel brings together vehicle manufacturers, funding partners, and NJ agencies that are already navigating fleet electrification at the county and subrecipient level. We'll discuss what vehicles are actually working in community transportation settings, how to access federal and state funding, and what infrastructure planning really looks like when you operate out of a county garage or shared municipal facility.

- Charvi Gupta, New Mobility Practice Lead, Emerging Technology, WSP

### **6. 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.

- Polina Ustinova, VDC/BIM Designer II / Drone Specialist, EnTech
- Nikita Sizov, VDC/BIM Designer/Analyst, EnTech



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### **7. Bridging Local and Global: Project Lifecycle and Governance at NJ Transit and Network Rail**

Room: Wildwood 23

An effective project lifecycle with a robust decision-making framework is critical in ensuring projects deliver expected outcomes, and that these outcomes align with strategic priorities. Learn how NJ Transit Commuter Rail plans for initiating new rail projects and how a multifunctional team led by Rutgers CAIT is building a data-driven framework to assess system-wide project outcomes at NJ TRANSIT. Understand how this framework is tailored to NJ TRANSIT and informed by best practices in project lifecycle, governance, and performance from UK rail operator and maintainer Network Rail.

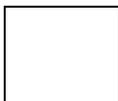
- Moderator: To be selected by NJT
- Rachel Brown, Manager of Transit Infrastructure Program Planning, NJ TRANSIT, NJ TRANSIT's project lifecycle and capital programs
- Asim Zaman, P.E., Engineering Research Project Manager, Rutgers CAIT, Rail Network Analysis strengthening the capital planning process
- Kyle Bell, Managing Consultant, Network Rail Consulting, Network Rail's approach to project lifecycle, governance, and performance

### **8. 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.

- Nathan Peraino, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineer, VHB
- Eric Affrunti, PE, Traffic Engineer, VHB
- Dan Brzac, PE, Lead Traffic Design, VHB



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### 10:05 am – 11:05 am

#### 9. **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.

- Sean Meehan, Managing Director, Active Transportation & Safety - Rutgers VTC
- Jeevanjot Singh, PMP, Manger, Bureau of Safety Improvement Programs, NJDOT

#### 10. **Station Area Planning in South New Jersey**

Room: Wildwood 25

New Jersey communities are increasingly looking to their transit stations as catalysts for walkable, vibrant, and connected places. This session will highlight how local planning efforts in South Jersey are shaping station areas to support transit-friendly development, gentle density, and safer, more accessible streets. The session will also highlight additional regional efforts and together will demonstrate practical strategies communities can use to leverage transit investments to support thoughtful growth, improve mobility, and strengthen local neighborhoods.

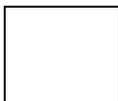
- Alexis Williams, AICP, PP, Planning Director, STV Inc. (**Moderator**)
- Michael Swan, Assistant Director – Transit Friendly Planning, NJ TRANSIT
- Rebecca Jump, Planner, STV Inc.
- Tim Killion, Administrator, Pennsauken Township
- Zach Suralik, PE, Senior Engineer, STV Inc.

#### 11. **New Jersey County Governments Major Transportation and Transit Initiatives**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

Counties are stepping into leadership roles on major transit projects. Camden County recently delivered the Walter Rand Transportation Center, and Middlesex County is now constructing a new New Brunswick Station. Bergen, Hudson, and Mercer Counties are planning ahead—especially as the 2029 TTF reauthorization approaches. Hear directly from leaders coordinating these significant transportation and transit initiatives.

- Eric Daleo, Principal Managing Director, Telos Advisers (**Moderator**)
- Hon. Daniel Benson, Mercer County Executive
- Hon. Jeff Nash, Camden County Commissioner
- Hon. James Tedesco, Bergen County Executive
- John Pulomena, Administrator, Middlesex County



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#### **12. 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.

- Hon. Thomas A. Arnone, Monmouth County Commissioner and NJTPA Board Member (**Moderator**)
- Christine Mittman, Senior Manager, Local Safety Programs, NJTPA
- Michael Nei, PE, Assistant Engineer, Monmouth County
- Adam Brown, PE, Project Manager Highways, Urban Engineers, Inc.

#### **13. Leadership (Paratransit & Community Transportation)**

Room: Wildwood 18-19

- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC

#### **14. 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.

- Keith Armonaitis, Principal Business Systems Analysts, Port Authority of NY & NJ (**Moderator**)
- Bhavesh Patel, Supervising Project Coordinator, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Rich Kenny, LTD, Business Development - US, Previsico

#### **15. Automating Speed Limit Sign Condition Monitoring with Edge AI**

Room: Wildwood 23

This session 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. This session will cover the following: Why speed limit sign condition monitoring in real time is so important; finding on speed limit sign management; how this project can scale out and expand and why precise GPS, RTK (real-time kinematic) technology is critical in road asset management.

- Mark Kotzer, Founder & Chief Growth Officer, Growth Jumpstart (Moderator)
- Marwan Ramadan, Senior Director of Product Marketing, Swift Navigation
- Betty Row, CEO & Founder, Daresoft



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**16. 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.

- Krishna Murthy, President & CEO, EZ Ride **(Moderator)**
- Blythe Eaman, AICP, Director, Environmental & Sustainability Planning, NJTPA
- James Kirkos, President & CEO, Meadowlands Chamber
- Host Committee – *Confirmation awaited*

**17. 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

**18. Building Megaprojects on the Northeast Corridor**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

From the B&P Tunnel Replacement in Maryland, to the Connecticut River Bridge in Connecticut, building transformative infrastructure on the Northeast Corridor requires more than engineering excellence – it demands sustained public trust and strategic stakeholder engagement to earn that trust. In this session panelists will discuss successful communications, coalition-building, and community outreach strategies that have helped secure funding, navigate environmental reviews, and maintain support throughout construction for projects on the NEC.

- Craig Schulz, Director - Northeast Government Affairs, Amtrak **(Moderator)**
- Kyle Anderson, Director – Communications, Amtrak
- Anabel Mamone, Manager - Government Affairs, Amtrak
- Kate Cunningham, Program Manager - Penn Transformation, Amtrak

**19. 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 Hofheinz Lee, Senior Vice President of Land, Northeast, Open Space Institute



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#### **20. Building a Transit System's Safety Culture (Part 1 – Before Things Happen)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Transit providers need to understand Safety Management Systems (SMS) and learn to apply resources to risk. It begins with hiring the right people, training them to proficiency, having proactive safety policies, understanding the effects of fatigue, how to improve communications about safety concerns and the critical role of leadership. This will include how to use the S-Rides reporting, data collection, applying resources to risk, mitigation strategies, and safety reporting.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC

#### **21. 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.

- Mark Cattuna, Associate Project Manager, McCormick Taylor
- Sarah Conway, Transportation Designer II, McCormick Taylor

#### **22. Steering the Future: How Transportation Leaders Are Shaping Ethical and Responsible AI**

Room: Wildwood 23

Steering the Future: How Transportation Leaders Are Shaping Ethical and Responsible AI: AI is reshaping transportation whether we're ready or not, and the real test is adopting it responsibly. This dynamic panel brings together innovators from firms of all sizes, complemented by a public agency perspective, to unpack the must-ask questions around governance, ethics, risk, and quality assurance. With insights from NJDOT's Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer (BRIIT) on advancing structured AI pilot initiatives, and insights from DVRPC's Associate Director of Data and Technology, attendees will gain both strategic perspective and practical guidance to help their organizations chart a confident, ethical path through the rapidly evolving world of AI.

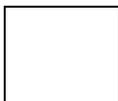
- Michael Ruane, Associate Director of Data and Technology, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Giri Venkateela, PhD, Innovation Officer, Bureau of Research, Innovation and Information Transfer (BRIIT), NJ DOT
- Julia Moroney, PCM, Vice President, Director of Marketing, French & Parrello Associates
- Karam Choudhary, Traffic Engineer, PhD Candidate in Artificial Intelligence, WSP USA
- Carol C. Martsolf, PE, PMP, ENV, SP, CPTD, LEED AP, F.ASCE, Director of Engineering Services, Envision Consultants

#### **23. 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.

- Jen Farris, Transportation Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC
- 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 Coastal Ball Room (follow signs towards the Gordan Ramsey Steak and La Strada Restaurants). There is no lunch program or speakers at the Tuesday lunch.

**Tuesday Deli Lunch Sponsor**

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**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**24. 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.

**Moderator:**

**Presenter:**

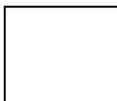
**Presenter:**

**25. 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 pavement preservation techniques lower 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 while getting more miles for the same investment.

- John Case, Vice President, Hawk Strategies (**Moderator**)
- Robert Blight, Supervising Engineer, NJDOT
- Ken Messina, President, Asphalt Paving Systems
- Matt Loper, Director of the Department of Engineering and Planning, Somerset County



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#### **26. Getting Started with a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Campaign**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

This session is designed for practitioners and community leaders interested in launching a bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign. It provides an overview of the different types of safety campaigns and walks participants through the foundational questions and strategic considerations that underpin any effective campaign, regardless of size or budget. Attendees will be guided through the step-by-step process of developing a 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.

- Ranjit Walia, PP, AICP, Founder/CEO, Civic Eye Collaborative **(Moderator)**
- Joshua Petrino, Creative Director, Civic Eye Collaborative

#### **27. 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.

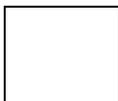
- Zoe Baldwin, VP State Programs, Regional Plan Association **(Moderator)**
- Hon. Cathleen Lewis, Mercer County Commissioner and Clean Transportation Programs Manager, NJBPU
- Representative from a Municipality with Active Electric Transportation
- EV Charging Company Representative

#### **28. Building a Transit System's Safety Culture (Part 2 – When Things Happen)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Transit providers need to prepare and respond to safety related events in real time. This may include responding to inoperative wheelchair lifts, vehicle breakdowns, on-board illness and issues with customers, and responding to an incident or accident. Also, interacting with police and emergency responders and post-accident drug & alcohol testing.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC



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#### **29. 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.

- Kenneth Wasserman, PE, Vice President – Transit Eastern Region, Accenture
- Jesse Goldman, Lead Public Sector Transportation and Infrastructure - New Jersey, Accenture
- Victor Boyer, PhD, Head of Solutions and Solutions Partnerships - Digital, Accenture

#### **30. NJ TRANSIT: Innovative Technologies in Public Transport**

Room: Wildwood 23

This session is a panel discussion focused on the integration of emerging technologies for public transit use.

- Asim Zaman, Engineering Research Project Manager, Rutgers CAIT (**Moderator**)
- Jennifer Buison, Director of Capital Planning, NJ TRANSIT Capital Delivery
- Warren Berry, Director of Zero Emissions Planning, NJ TRANSIT Capital Delivery
- Haroon Serang, Chief Data Architect, NJ TRANSIT Information and Digital Technology
- Luna Katbah, Head of Innovation, NJ TRANSIT Information and Digital Technology

#### **31. 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.

- Hon. Charles Kenny, Middlesex County Commissioner and NJTPA Chair (**Moderator**)
- Ted Ritter, Manager, External Affairs, NJTPA
- Catherine Heady, Research Project Coordinator, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers
- Courtenay Mercer, Founding Principal + CEO, Mercer Planning Associates



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#### **32. Complex Complete Streets: Diverse, Collaborative Community Solutions**

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Across NJ, municipalities and school districts are adopting innovative strategies - like Safe Systems, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, Safe Passage 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 - sometimes overlapping - 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 and the ETC Safe Streets project, as well as tools and approaches that prioritize safety, accessibility and mobility for all New Jersey individuals and families.

- Ben Haygood, Director of the Johnson Center for Learning & Policy, Isles (**Moderator**)
- Ian Murphy, Transportation Planner, Greater Mercer TMA
- Jason Rogers, High Risk Interventionist, Trenton Community Street Teams (TCST), Isles
- Hon. Cathleen Lewis, Mercer County Commissioner

#### **33. 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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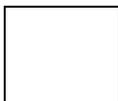
Presenter

#### **34. 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.

- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, AICP, PP, Executive Director, Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University (**Moderator**)
- David W. Behrend, AICP, Executive Director, NJTPA
- Ariella Maron, Executive Director, DVRPC
- Jennifer Marandino, PE, Executive Director, SJTPO



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#### **35. Coordinating a Complex Cutover – The Portal North Bridge Story**

Room: Wildwood 12-13

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.

- Ashok J. Nayee, PMP, Vice President, PM/CM Rail & Transit, STV (**Moderator**)
- Jacob Williard, Manager of Capital Construction, Amtrak
- Mehmet E. Oztekin, MSc, MBA, Senior Construction Program Manager Railroad Systems, NJ TRANSIT

#### **36. Building a Transit System's Safety Culture (Part 3 – After Things Happen)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Transit providers need to learn from accidents, incidents and even safety complaints to lessen the likelihood of future events. This will include post-accident reviews and analysis, understanding how organizational decisions contribute negatively to events, Heinrich's Law and how organizational Drift affects decision making. Participants will discuss how S-Rides data can mitigate or lessen the likelihood of future negative events. Finally, how management and front-line employees along with the Safety Committee can create a true Safety Culture back at home.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC

#### **37. Scheduling With Intent: How Owners Lead—Not React**

Room: Wildwood 21

Scheduling is often treated as a contractual deliverable rather than a core owner responsibility, limiting transparency, fragmenting accountability, and delaying risk identification. This session introduces principles of owner-driven lifecycle scheduling and practical frameworks for shifting control from reactive, contractor-led schedules to intentional, owner-led practices. Attendees will learn how governance, standardization, cost and risk integration, and targeted training reposition scheduling as a proactive management tool that improves visibility, accountability, and predictable delivery across complex capital programs.

- Dana Hecht, PMP : Director of Program Delivery, H&H
- Graham Briggs, PE, PMP : Director, PMA Consultants
- Jesse Heimowitz, CCM : Vice President / Rail & Transit Sector Lead, Tectonic Engineering
- TBD



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#### **38. 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.

- David Petrucci, PE, PTOE, RSP2I, Senior Project Manager - Transportation and Safety, Michael Baker International (**Moderator**)
- Stephen Ratke, PE, RSP2I, Senior Project Manager - Transportation Safety, Michael Baker International
- Jose Sieira, Director of Traffic and Transportation, Hudson County Engineer
- Gregory Francese, PP, AICP, Deputy Director of Transportation & Parking, City of Hoboken

#### **39. From Assessment to Execution: A Collaborative Service Life Extension Strategy for the Route 49 Bridge Over Maurice River, Millville, NJ**

Room: Wildwood 25

The rehabilitation of the NJDOT's Route 49 Bridge over Maurice River involved a collaborative effort between durability specialists and structural designers. A condition assessment and residual service-life evaluation of the concrete substructure guided the structural rehabilitation design, resulting in a strategy to extend the bridge's service life by at least 50 years. The project demonstrates how coordinated assessment, performance-driven design, and construction deliver durable, constructible solutions for aging bridge infrastructure.

- Nicolas Tiburzi, Ph.D. - Project Manager, Simco Technologies



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**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**40. 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.

- Michael Johnson, Manager, Bike & Pedestrian Programs, EZ Ride (**Moderator**)
- Martin Ceperley, Co-Founder, SOMa Bike Bus
- Robert Estrick, UEZ Coordinator - Project Manager, City of Passaic
- Greg Woltman, AICP, Research Project Coordinator, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center

**41. 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.

- Zoe Baldwin, VP State Programs, Regional Plan Association (**Moderator**)
- Debbie Mans, Principal, TWENTYTWO Public Affairs
- Gary Toth, Independent Consultant (Former NJDOT, Director, Project Planning and Development)
- Sean Moronski, P.P. AICP, Senior Project Manager, Langan

**42. Modernizing Historic Rail Stations on the Northeast Corridor**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

The Northeast Corridor's great stations are evolving into modern, high-performance transportation hubs that serve as economic anchors and civic gateways for their regions. This panel will examine the latest plans for and progress at Penn Station New York, 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station in Philadelphia, and Baltimore Penn Station in Maryland. Panelists will discuss how these complex projects are funded, coordinated, and delivered in active operating environments.

- Sara Appleton, Program Director – New York Penn Transformation, Amtrak (**Moderator**)
- Ryan Morson, Senior Program Director – New York Penn Transformation, Amtrak
- Tom Bonner, Program Director – Gray 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Amtrak
- Gail Barman, Asst. Program Director – Gray 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Amtrak
- Marissa Zaporta, Program Director – Baltimore Penn Station, Amtrak



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#### **43. Using High Injury Networks to Advance Safer Streets**

Room: Wildwood 12-13

This session features agencies that have created a High Injury Network (HIN) as part of a safety action or Vision Zero plan and are now putting those networks to work. Panelists will share how their HIN's are guiding next steps for prioritizing interventions, demonstrating how a data-driven HIN can be used to move from plan to action—from identifying priority corridors for further study to directing investments to improve safety through project implementation.

- Kevin Murphy, Office of Safe Streets Manager, DVRPC (**Moderator**)
- Marco Gorini, Vision Zero Program Manager, City of Philadelphia
- Gregory Francese, Director of Transportation and Parking, City of Hoboken

#### **44. The Growing Role of Adaptive Transportation Network Companies for Paratransit in New Jersey in 2026 and Beyond (Paratransit & Community Transportation)**

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.

- Christopher Scales, Associate, PBN Law, former Chief of Staff, NJDOT (**Moderator**)
- NJ TRANSIT representative (invited)
- Hon. Tom Arnone, Commissioner, Monmouth County
- John Donlon, CEO, UZURV

#### **45. What Can States Do To Maximize Autonomous Vehicle Safety?**

Room: Wildwood 21

Autonomous vehicles are being deployed across the country and safety is the top concern for policymakers. This panel will discuss ways that states and cities can open their roads to autonomous vehicle testing, while setting the bar high for safety and accountability. This session will explore the current policy regimes states and cities are adopting and present a suite of policies that create accountability for companies in the case of accidents through reporting, establish a framework for testing and scaling technologies, and ensure autonomous vehicles are safe by using multiple sensor technologies. Session discussions will focus on testing permit structure and data reporting paradigms, safety sensor requirements, honest advertising and disclosure requirements, why not all AVs are the same, and why not all safety statistics are equally valid and current regulatory efforts.

- Justin Braz, Partner, MAD Global (**Moderator**)
- Hon. Senator Andrew Zwicker, NJ-16
- Shua Sanchez, National Campaign Director, SAVE-US (Safe Autonomous Vehicles Everywhere in the United States)
- Sangeeta Badlani, Founder, Nikhil Badlani Foundation and Families for Safe Streets New Jersey



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#### **46. A Showcase of Regional Travel Models in New Jersey: Current and Anticipated Future Applications**

Room: Wildwood 23

In this session, a representative from each MPO in New Jersey will give a high-level overview of their regional travel demand model (TDM), including what type of model it is (4-step vs. Activity-Based), the modeling platform/software (CUBE, TransCAD, Replica, etc.) used, area covered, number of TAZs, etc. Panelists will showcase unique attributes/features of their respective TDMs. Panelists will also touch upon where their models are headed in the future. The session will conclude with Q&A and discussion, in which panelists will discuss the challenges of modeling/models in general, including the costs of data and model development and maintenance, the credibility of model results, and the increasing emergence of “big data,” “Location-Based Services,” and other types of data which is adding to the complexity of models and model development.

- David Heller, PP/AICP, Program Manager, SJTPO (**Moderator**)  
Benjamin Woodward, AICP Candidate, Assistant Planner, SJTPO
- Hella Alnajjar, PhD, Manager, Modeling and Forecasting, NJTPA
- Matt Gates, Associate Director, Travel Trends and Forecasts, DVRPC

#### **47. A Weekend Transformation: The Accelerated Design-Build Replacement of the Webster Avenue Bridge**

Room: Wildwood 25

After more than 125 years in service, the Webster Avenue Bridge—a three-span steel structure spanning the electrified LIRR Port Washington Branch—had developed significant structural deterioration, substandard roadway geometry, and inadequate rail clearance. The project replaced the aging bridge with a modern single-span composed of prestressed concrete slab units made composite with a concrete deck, improving roadway alignment, widening sidewalks, and upgrading drainage to better protect rail operations below. This presentation explores the accelerated design-build replacement of the Webster Avenue Bridge, highlighting the use of an Alternative Technical Concept and Accelerated Bridge Construction. Through extensive prefabrication and detailed outage planning, the team demolished the existing bridge and installed the new structure within a coordinated 52-hour weekend rail outage—transforming the crossing in a single weekend while minimizing disruption and delivering the project ahead of schedule and without change orders or additional cost to the Railroad.

- George F. Assiss, PhD, PE, Vice President and Chief Structural Engineer, KS Engineers, P.C.
- Joseph Zarriello, PE, Vice President and Project Manager, KS Engineers, P.C.

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Ethics Workshop Sessions

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Workshop Sessions

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### **8:15 am - 10:15 am**

#### **48. ETHICS for AICP & PDH (2 Hours)**

**(P) (E)** Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

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

- Gordon E. Meth, P.E., PP, PTOE, PTP, RSP2I, Highway Engineering Practice Group Leader, Robson Forensic

### **9:15 am - 10:15 am**

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

Room: Wildwood 1-2

The fall of 2026 will mark three years of construction for the Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP) on both sides of the Hudson River. Since then, crews have completed the Tonnelle Avenue Bridge and Utility Relocation Project, broken through the bulkhead connecting the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing-Section 3 project with Sections 1 & 2 in Manhattan, and stabilized and hardened soft areas of the riverbed in the Hudson. With tunnel boring set to begin later this year through the dense rock of the Palisades in North Bergen, join the Gateway Development Commission and project partners, Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT, for a construction update describing major milestones achieved and the work ahead for the HTP.

- Laura Colacurcio, Deputy Director, Government & Community Affairs, Gateway Development Commission (**Moderator**)
- Justin Davis, Senior Vice President & Chief of Staff, NJ TRANSIT (invited)
- Benjamin Engle, Senior Program Manager, Program Planning, Gateway Development Commission
- Derick Hallahan, PE, Assistant Vice President, Major Programs, Tunnels & Systems, Amtrak
- James Starace, PE, Chief of Program Delivery, Gateway Development Commission

#### **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.

- James Heeren, Associate Vice President, Environmental Services, Dewberry
- Joselyn Wall, Principal Engineer, Office of Maritime Resources, NJ DOT



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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.

- Dana Hecht, Associate Principal & Director, Program Delivery, Hardesty & Hanover (**Moderator**)
- Adrian Untermyer, Chief of Staff, Rail Operations, Vice President Rail/Transit Services, NJ TRANSIT
- Adam Baginski, PE, PMP, Vice President Rail/Transit Services, Envision Consultants, Ltd.
- Michael Naughton, PE; VP Sr Program Manager, AECOM

#### **52. 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.

- Sean-Philip Bolduc, PE, Regional Bridge Practice Leader NY/NJ, Parsons
- Seth Condell, PE, Vice President, NY/NJ Regional Manager, Parsons
- NYSDOT (unconfirmed)
- TBD

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

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Learn how Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) can help counties and municipalities close service gaps, expand access for underserved residents, and improve the reliability and efficiency of local mobility programs. Featuring Bergen County's EZ Ryde4Life and Avenues in Motion's TNC programs in Morris and Sussex counties, this session shares proven practices, measurable outcomes, and actionable data to inform smarter funding and policy decisions. NJ TRANSIT will also preview its new initiative to grow wheelchair-accessible (WAV) TNC service statewide.

- Avnish Gupta, COO & General Counsel, EZ Ride (**Moderator**)
- Janelle Rivera, Director of Local Programs & Community Mobility, NJ TRANSIT
- Davit Topchishvili, Planning Analyst/Coordinator of Federal and State Aid, Bergen County Division of Senior Services
- Joseph Cinque, Deputy Director, Bergen County
- Orestes Rios, Mobility Manager/System Administrator, Bergen County
- Daniel Callas, President, Avenues in Motion



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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.

- Susan Quackenbush, Area Manager/Principal Consultant, Davey Resource Group
- Harry Strano, Department Manager - Threatened/Endangered Species, Davey Resource Group
- Sean McHugh, Principal Senior Archaeologist, Richard Grubb & Associates
- Richard Grubb, Vice President, Richard Grubb & Associates

### **55. I-80 Emergency Sinkhole Closure, Mobility and Traffic Impact**

Room: Wildwood 23

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

- Vandana Mathur, Supervisor, Mobility Planning and Research, NJDOT (**Moderator**)
- Konstantinos Kyros, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT
- Brenda Columbus, Product Manager, Drivewyze Agency Solutions
- Branislav Dimitrijevic, Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, NJIT

### **MUST RE-NUMBER**

### **Evaluating Pavement Macrotexture Using 3D Laser Technology and Its Correlation with Skid Resistance**

Room: Wildwood 25

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

- Manuel Celaya, Ph.D, PE, NDT/NDE Practice Lead and Senior Project Manager, Advanced Infrastructure Design, Inc.



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**10:15 am - 10:45 am** No Workshop Sessions, Visit Exhibit Booths

**10:45 am - 11:55 am**

**56. NJ TRANSIT – Doing Business with NJ TRANSIT – Office of Business Development and Procurement Updates**

Room: Wildwood 1-2

This workshop session will provide regulatory and compliance updates to NJ TRANSIT's DBE/SBE/DVOB Programs and Task Order Contract program, as well as tips for consultant success.

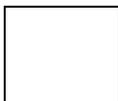
- Jignasa Desai-McCleary, Senior Vice President, Chief of Administration & Risk, NJ TRANSIT (**Moderator**)
- Barbara Geary, Chief Procurement Officer, NJ TRANSIT and Taishida Chapman, Senior Director Capital & Corporate Services Procurement, NJ TRANSIT
- Paola Camargo, Director, Outreach & Operations Support, Office of Business Development, NJ TRANSIT

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

Room: Wildwood 4

MS4 may be a small acronym, but it carries big responsibility: reduce pollution, control flooding, and protect public health. It demands smart system planning, green infrastructure, thorough evaluation, and continuous improvement. Success is simple to define—but challenging to deliver: less flooding, cleaner water, and full compliance, one project at a time.

- Nicole Khan, Senior Engineering Manager, WK2 Consulting (**Moderator**)
- Sandra Blick, PE, Senior Project Engineer, Dewberry
- Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D., P.E., Water Resources Specialist, Rutgers University Water Resources Program
- Marisa Sapiezynski, WPIT, Environmental Services Manager, WK2 Consulting



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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.

- Brian Pieplow, AICP, PMP, LEED AP, ENV SP, Principal Planner, mcfa
- Michael Fuhrman, AICP, LEED AP-ND, Partner and Co-Founder, mcfa

### 59. **FIFA World Cup 2026: Managing Transportation for the World's Biggest Sporting Event**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

Eight matches, including the FIFA World Cup final match, will take place in New Jersey this summer. Hear first-hand from local transportation and security experts about the planning that's taken place and the detailed operations necessary to ensure safe and efficient mobility for this once in a lifetime event.

- **Binu Thomas, Senior Advisor to the NJ TRANSIT President & CEO – World Cup (Moderator)**
- Sal Cowan, Senior Director, Transportation Mobility, Operations, NJDOT
- Chris Feintheil, Assistant Commissioner, Operations, NJDOT
- Major Christopher V. Modarelli #6006, Commander, Troop "C" Field Operations, NJ State Police
- Justin P. Davis, SVP Regulatory and Government Affairs/Chief of Staff, NJ TRANSIT
- Kaitlin Coari, Director of Transportation, FIFA World Cup 26, New York New Jersey 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.

- David Ozgo, Executive Director, Center for Transportation Advancement
- Phil Bell, Deputy Director, Center for Transportation Advancement & CEO Tower K Group

### 61. **ADA Equivalent Service: What Is It and How Do We Do It?** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

As per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) all agencies, both public and private, who provide public transportation who do not have a 100% accessible fleet must ensure that they are providing equivalent service. But what does that mean? How do you demonstrate that you are doing it? Find out at this presentation from Local Programs & Community Mobility.

- Janelle Rivera, Director of Local Programs & Community Mobility, NJ TRANSIT
- Lea Sheridan, Manager of Quality Assurance & Compliance, NJ TRANSIT
- Brian Miguel, Senior Coordination Administrator, NJ TRANSIT



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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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Presenter:

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## **MUSTGIVE NEW NUMBER**

### **Hardening the Gate: Engineering Solutions for Fare Compliance**

Room: Wildwood 23

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.

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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.

- C. Lakshan (Shan) Wickramarachchi, PE, PTOE, Director of Civil Design, Naik/Artheon (**Moderator**)
- Ty Thomason, PE, Senior Engineer, Naik/Artheon
- Anthony DeLuca, PE, PTOE, RSP1, Principal Engineer, Naik/Artheon
- Daniel Levine, P.E., Project Engineer, Dewberry



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**12:00 pm - 1:30 pm** **Sumptuous Luncheon Buffet (XXXXX Room –XXX Floor – Follow Signs)**

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

Frank Reilly, Conference Chairman

**Master of Ceremonies:** Anthony Attanasio, CEO, Hawk Strategies

**Remarks by:** NJDOT

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### 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

#### **64. Better Relationships Build Infrastructure: The Hudson Tunnel Project Approach to Community Engagement**

Room: Wildwood 1-2

The way we deliver major capital projects today looks different than it did just a few decades ago. Working collaboratively with the communities where construction takes place is crucial for driving major infrastructure projects forward, and there is no better example of the criticality of community and stakeholder engagement than the Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP). Join the Gateway Development Commission and key partners in the labor and advocacy communities for a panel discussion providing insights on achieving shared goals and empowering people while working to maintain scope, schedule, and budget.

- Zoe Baldwin, Vice President of State Programs, Regional Plan Association (**Moderator**)
- Jerry Keenan, President, New Jersey Alliance for Action
- Steven Gardner, Director, New Jersey Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (NJ LECET)
- Rebecca Zack, Senior Director, Government & Community Affairs, Gateway Development Commission

#### **65. 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 include state/regional agency representatives, professional planning, engineering, and design professionals, and local advocates. Visuals and graphics will feature NJ case studies.

- Michael Dannemiller, PE, Assistant Director, Programmatic Planning, NJ TRANSIT (**Moderator**)
- Sascha Frimpong, Senior Director, Local Project Development, NJTPA
- William Garro, III, PE, Supervising Engineer, NV5, Inc.
- Matthew Kearney, PE, Vice President | Regional Manager, FPA
- Bettina Zimny, PP/AICP, Vice President, Planning, NV5, Inc.

#### **66. 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 to lead us into this uncertain future. 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.

- Anthony Attanasio, Founder & CEO, Hawk Strategies (**Moderator**)
- Hon. Kris Kolluri, President & CEO, NJ TRANSIT and NJ Turnpike Executive Director
- Parth Oza, Assistant Commissioner, NJDOT
- Hon. Stephen F. Dougherty, Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority



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### **67. Port Authority of NJ/NY - 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.

- Kelvin Ramos, Project Manager Capital Program, Port Authority of NY & NJ (**Moderator**)
- Juan Salamanca, Senior Engineer, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Dr. Ivan Panushev, CEO TwinKnowledge
- Luke Reeve, Head of AI Solutions, TwinKnowledge

### **68. Transit Dispatchers – The Eyes, Ears, and Voice in Transit Safety (Part 1 of 3)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

**Dispatcher's Role in Customer Service** - Dispatchers are the front line of external and internal customer service. Clarifying why a ride matters, the big picture of customer service and what all customers need is crucial. Understanding the Dispatcher's role to both de-escalate situations on the phone and helping the transit operator de-escalate difficult customers is demanding. Most importantly, their ability to support Bus Operators with the many customer challenges is essential.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Jill Nagy, Esq., Nagy Law Offices

### **69. 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.

- Melinda Roslon, Project Manager, NJ I-Bank
- Brian Wirtz, NJ DOT Project Management Specialist, Local Aid Division, NJ DOT



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**70. 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.

- Megan Sattur, LSIT, Survey Technician III, Dewberry Engineers Inc. (**Moderator**)
- Lisa Peterson, PE, PLS, CME, Associate Vice President, Manager of Strategic Client Engagement, Dewberry Engineers Inc.
- Michael Venuto, PE, PLS, Chief Engineer, Delaware River Port Authority (Invited – Pending Confirmation)
- Jaclyn Whelan, PE, Project Manager - Design, Conrail
- Fredrick Voss, PE, PLS, ROW Manager, NJ Turnpike Authority
- Adrian Untermyer, Esq. Chief of Staff, Rail Operations, NJ TRANSIT (Invited – Pending Confirmation)

**2:30 pm - 3:50 pm**

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**Exhibit Hall Open all afternoon until 5:00pm**

**3:50 pm - 4:50 pm**

**71. Delivering a New Era of Fleet**

Room: Wildwood 1-2

From planning to procurement through production and program management, delivering Amtrak's next generation of railcars – and the facilities to support them – requires a dedicated team with expertise in all facets of the industry. Hear directly from leaders about the introduction of NextGen Acela, a sneak peek at the new Airo equipment, and insight into Amtrak's plans for the future long distance fleet.

- Kyle Anderson – Director, Communications, Amtrak (**Moderator**)
- Michelle Tortolani – Vice President Project Delivery, Fleet & Facilities, Amtrak
- Martita Mullen – Assistant Vice President, Railyards & Facilities, Amtrak



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### **72. 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 for both freight and passengers could offer a reduction in the cost of living over a community with highways as the prime method of transportation. General sitting geometries and examples of modern logistics will be presented that will be used in Part 2 Session 80.

- Bob Bailey, Government Affairs, SMS Rail (**Moderator**)
- Richard A. Cornell, PE, Principal, Richard A. Cornell, PE, Livingston, NJ
- Michael Santora, CEO, Logic

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

Room: Wildwood 6

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.

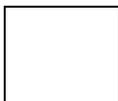
- Genevieve Clifton, Director, Office of Maritime Resources and Construction Support, NJ DOT (**Moderator**)
- Aiden Rogers, RE, Office of Maritime Resources, NJ DOT
- Michael J. Marano PE, Vice President, WSP USA Inc.
- Sean Flanigan, Director of Marine Services, Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.
- Katie Axt, Vice President, WSP USA

### **74. 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 New Jersey Department of Transportation, NJ TRANSIT, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Port Authority of NY & NJ, and Delaware River Port Authority. 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.

- Jacqueline Rooke, New Jersey President, WTS (**Moderator**)
- Kyrra Hana Mosely, New Jersey Vice President, WTS (**Moderator**)
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- Danielle LaFrance, Deputy Chief, Project Management, NJ TRANSIT
- Dan Hesslein, Chief Engineer, NJ Turnpike Authority,
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### **75. NJ TRANSIT: Capital Opportunities**

Room: Wildwood 12-13

This session is a discussion focused on upcoming construction and design opportunities from Capital Delivery

- Jonathan Nelson, Director Capital Project Delivery, NJ TRANSIT
- Vikram Dogra, SVP Capital Delivery, NJ TRANSIT

### **76. Transit Dispatchers – The Eyes, Ears, and Voice in Transit Safety (Part 2 of 3)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

**Dispatcher's Role in Emergencies** - Dispatchers essentially take on the role of air traffic controllers once an on-board emergency begins. Understanding the types of emergencies, how to use technology and emergency codes, and what actions to take during an emergency can greatly lessen a bad outcome. Specifically, a look at different types of emergencies, including Serious Vehicle Accidents, Vehicle Fires, Assisting with Vehicle Evacuations, Dangerous Persons on the Vehicle or Property, Active Shooter, Community Evacuations and System Shutdowns will be discussed.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Jill Nagy, Esq., Nagy Law Offices

### **77. MPO Municipal Programs: Making Great Places Even Greater!**

Room: Wildwood 23

This session highlights the range of municipal assistance offered by two Metropolitan Planning Organizations: the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Learn how municipalities have been able to use these MPO programs to advance local projects. An interactive conversation with the panelists will explore successful approaches and identify gaps and challenges.

- Hon. Michéle Delisfort, Union County Commissioner and NJTPA Second Vice Chair (**Moderator**)
- Peter Bilton, PP/AICP, Manager, Sustainable Transportation Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Amy Verbosky, Program Lead, Community Planning, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Rick Fernandez, PP/AICP, QPA, Business Administrator, City of Passaic (invited)

### **78. 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.

- Cheryl Smith, Manager of Tech Development, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Ruth Miller, Director of Product Partnerships, Jawnt



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### 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### **79. 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 ITSNJ, this session offers a virtual visit to multiple TMCs and highlights their critical role in transportation operations.

- Carlin Hebert, PE, PTOE, ITS Director & VP of Business Development, Techniquet Corporation (**Moderator**)
- Kathlen Swindler, PE, PTOE, Senior ITS Engineer, VHB

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

Room: Wildwood 4

This session is a continuation from session 72 and will look specifically at two underutilized rail corridors that radiate out of Port Newark as examples for discussion. Changes in existing zoning laws for the benefits to be realized will be discussed. Participation by attendees is encouraged.

- Bob Bailey, Government Affairs, SMS Rail (**Moderator**)
- Richard A. Cornell, PE, Principal, Richard A. Cornell, PE, Livingston, NJ
- Michael Santora, CEO, Logic

#### **81. 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.

- Mark Zurada, COO, Pinpoint Analytics
- Jim Carr, CEO, Pinpoint Analytics



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- Jorge Chavez, Program Executive of Project Delivery, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Michael Venuto, Chief Engineer, Delaware River Port Authority

### **83. 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.

- Frank Neary, Director, Division of Safety Programs and Transportation Data, NJDOT (**Moderator**)
- Peter Brzostowski, Section Chief, Bureau of Transportation Data and Support, NJDOT
- Kevin McElwain, Senior Project Manager, Planning/GIT, Michael Baker International, Inc.
- Alicia Ulmes, PE, PTOE, Project Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

### **84. Transit Dispatchers – The Eyes, Ears, and Voice in Transit Safety (Part 3 of 3)** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

**Dispatcher's Role in Daily Operations** - Dispatchers often work early and late with little to no onsite supervision. How they handle daily pull-out and fitness for duty decision making is critical to a smooth and safe operation. It is important that they understand that words and vocals matter and how much they can positively or negatively affect agency morale. Finally, we will finish with open discussion on the critical role dispatchers and those that supervise dispatch have on the transit operation.

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### **85. 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.

- Glen Schetelich, PE, Principal, H&H (**Moderator**)
- Sarbjit Kahlon, Manager LCPD Program, NJTPA
- Pamela Garrett, CPM, Director, Local Resources and Community Development-Division of Environmental Resources, NJDOT
- Komila Pandit, Manager, District 3 Local Aid, NJDOT
- Joseph M. Ettore, PE, County Engineer, County of Monmouth
- Bruce K. Riegel, PE, Senior Project Manager, H&H

### **86. NJ TRANSIT: Brick Church Station, Balancing Preservation & Progress**

Room: Wildwood 23

Phased approach to modernizing an historic station on an active rail and some of the design and construction challenges.

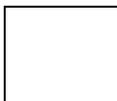
- Jeetendra Lade, Program Manager, NJ TRANSIT Capital Delivery
- Joseph Boris, Construction Program Manager, NJ TRANSIT Capital Delivery

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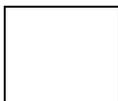
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Waterfront Conference Center - Wildwood Rooms, 1st floor

8:00 am - 9:00 am

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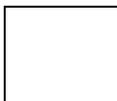
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### 8:45 am - 9:45 am

#### **87. 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.

- John Geitner, Chief, Environmental Programs, NJ TRANSIT (**Moderator**)
- Harold Olarte, Director, Environmental Permitting Programs, NJ TRANSIT
- Jacquelyn Lipson, Manager, Environmental Compliance, NJ TRANSIT
- Jason Wormeck, Senior Director, Capital Project Management, NJ TRANSIT

#### **88. Understanding Freight Growth and Congestion on US 322 in Gloucester County**

Room: Wildwood 4

This session will present initial 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 reviews were combined to understand existing bottlenecks, future truck demand, and the potential impacts of new development through 2050. Attendees will also be introduced to a range of potential strategies and investments aimed at relieving congestion on the county-owned segment of US 322 while supporting freight activity and reducing community impacts.

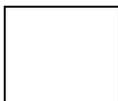
- Dan Farina Jr., AICP, Senior Freight Transportation Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Kelsey McElduff, Principal Transportation Engineer, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

#### **89. Certified to Win: How to Leverage EV Adoption Leadership Certification for Sustainable Jersey Grant**

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.

- Lisa Lee, Director of Sustainability Programs, EZ Ride (**Moderator**)
- Nancy Quirk, Senior Energy Program Manager, Sustainable Jersey
- James G. Gant, CPM, Borough Manager, Borough of Red Bank
- James H. Gildea, Town Administrator, Town of Westfield
- Jeremy Berman, Mayor, Town of Westfield



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#### **90. What Does New Jersey Law Say About Bicyclists and Pedestrians?**

Room: Wildwood 8-9-10

As more people bike and walk in New Jersey's communities, it is increasingly important that planners, engineers, and community decision-makers understand the laws that govern how pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists interact on our roadways. Bicycle and pedestrian laws are often misunderstood, yet they directly influence safety initiatives, livability outcomes, and transportation policy and design decisions. 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.

- Ranjit Walia, PP, AICP, Founder/CEO, Civic Eye Collaborative

#### **91. 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.

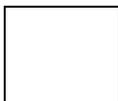
- Lois Johann, Project Engineer, Landscape, NJDOT
- Gabrielle Popolo, Landscape Designer 2, NJDOT
- Robert Doldge, Landscape Designer 3, NJDOT
- Nicholas Berezansky, Landscape Specialist, New Jersey Turnpike Authority

#### **92. Leading Across Generations (Paratransit & Community Transportation)**

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Today's workplace often brings together four to five generations, each shaped by different economic shifts, technologies, cultural norms, and leadership expectations. This interactive workshop equips leaders with practical tools to understand, navigate, and leverage generational differences to build stronger, more collaborative teams.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC



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**94. Infrastructure-Light Tolling and V2X: What Works**

Room: Wildwood 6

Transportation agencies face real choices when modernizing tolling and roadway systems—there is no single path that fits every corridor, policy environment, or operational constraint. This options-oriented, vendor-neutral session focuses on practical approaches agencies can use to protect revenue, improve safety, and build public understanding while preserving flexibility for the future. This session will explore infrastructure-light, fast-mobilization tolling points that can be deployed quickly; the use of V2X assists at challenging locations; occupancy detection where HOV policy applies; and design considerations that reduce roadside infrastructure and field exposure while maintaining system performance. Attendees will gain insight into where different approaches fit, the tradeoffs to watch for, and which performance indicators matter most, including read accuracy, match reliability, operational effort, deployment speed, and field safety. The goal is to help agencies evaluate and pilot new ideas with discipline—supporting safer operations, clearer communications, and measurable outcomes—while retaining the ability to adapt and scale solutions when results warrant.

- Heather Wills, VP National Tolling Director, STV (**Moderator**)
- John Egger, PE, Northeast Regional Director, Mobility Technologies, STV
- Daniel Garrido, US & Canada Business Manager, Indra
- Imran Inamdar, Director, Smart Traffic Solutions, Kapsch
- Agency representative – TBD

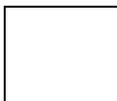
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### 10:45 am - 11:45 am

#### 95. **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.

- Jose Romero, Project Engineer, Mobility Engineering, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Project Manager for the 2026 World Cup Project (**Moderator**)
- Alfred Brenner, PE, Director Construction Management, Advantage Engineering Associates
- Leomar Almanzar, PE, PP, PTOE, Associate Vice President, Deputy Department Manager – Traffic Engineering & Intelligent Transportation Systems, Michael Baker International

#### 96. **What Designers Can Learn from Traffic Signal 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.

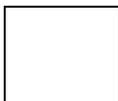
Drew McKiernan, IMSA III, Client Service Leader, CDM Smith & IMSA NJ-PA Secretary (**Moderator**)

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#### **97. 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.

- John Manzoni, Vice President / North Area Planning Director, STV (**Moderator**)
- Hon. Jeff Nash, Camden County Commissioner and CEO, Rutgers/Rowan Joint Board
- Joe Myers, CFO, Camden Community Partnership
- Eric Daleo, President, Telos Advisers

#### **98. 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.

- Brian Tobin, Executive Director, Keep Middlesex Moving (**Moderator**)
- Lisa Weyer, Executive Director, Strider Education Foundation
- Iabella "Izzy" Gonzalez, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Keep Middlesex Moving
- Caitlin Kehoe, Recreation Supervisor, Township of East Brunswick

#### **99. Modern Road Safety Audits and Assessments – Working Together to Implement the Safe System Approach**

Room: Wildwood 12-13

New Jersey has long embraced road safety audits and related assessment to improve roadway safety 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 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.

- David A. Petrucci, Jr., P.E., PTOE, RSP2I, Senior Project Manager Transportation and Safety, Michael Baker International (**Moderator**)
- Andy Kaplan, PE, PTOE, RSP1, Director, Infrastructure Department, City of Jersey City
- Jenna Monaghan, Assistant Planner, South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization
- David A. Petrucci, Jr., P.E., PTOE, RSP2I, Senior Project Manager Transportation and Safety, Michael Baker International



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#### **100. Self-Awareness: The Foundation of Leadership and Culture** (Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

People do not leave jobs they love or co-workers they enjoy; they leave toxic environments, micromanagement, poor leadership, and lack of appreciation. This workshop addresses the issues that cause high turnover, low morale, and weak cohesion, and helps attendees understand their role in shaping a healthier workplace culture. Key takeaway: Self-awareness is the foundation of great leadership.

- Michael Noel, Noel Training & Consulting, LLC
- Dan Mulraney, Mulraney Training & Consulting, LLC

#### **101. 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.

- Thomas Mitchell, PE, Senior Project Manager, Urban Engineers, Inc.

#### **102. 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.

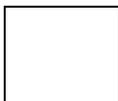
- Bryan Kepler, Supervisor, Bureau of Mobility Innovation and Support, NJDOT (**Moderator**)
- Thomas Murphy, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT
- Osvaldo Martinez-Pineda, Administrative Analyst, NJDOT
- Dejan Besenski, Deputy Director - ITSRC, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, NJIT

#### **103. 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

- Shoshana Akins, Manager, Public Participation Planning, DVRPC
- Will Parker, Transportation Planner, Office of Transit, Bicycle, & Pedestrian Planning, DVRPC



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**104. NB-HCE Improvements Program – Project 1 Design Perspective**

Room: Wildwood 1-2

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is advancing the design of the replacement of the Newark Bay (Vincent R Casciano) Bridge, from Interchange 14 to Interchange 14A. Initial enabling contracts are scheduled to commence this summer. The presentation will outline the history of the project site, the overall project scope and timeline, enabling projects, an overview of construction packaging, phasing, design support opportunities, and anticipated CEI opportunities. The project team will share design advancements of the cable stayed bridge, a signature feature of the project.

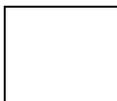
- Anne Sinagra, PE, Sr. Project Engineer, New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- Seth Condell, PE, VP, NY/NJ Regional Manager, Parsons
- Dave Mykulak, PE, VP, Sr. Project Manager, HNTB
- Michael Morgan, PE, PP, PTOE, VP, Sr. Project Manager, GFT
- Joe Romano, PE, VP, Project Manager, Michael Baker International, Inc.

**105. 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!

- Alyssa Driscoll, Senior Project Coordinator, DVRPC (**Moderator**)
- Lillian Drake, Public Participation Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission



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#### **106. 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, 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.

- David Nowak, ENV SP, LEED AP, Senior Scientist, Dewberry (**Moderator**)
- Thomas Abdallah, PE, LEED AP, Vice President of Design Services & Chief Environmental Engineer, MTA
- Lu Ding, PE, PTOE, Project Engineer, Planning, Engineering Department, New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- Peg Hanna, Director, Division of Climate Change Mitigation and Monitoring, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- Nicole Ochroch, PhD, PE, Engineering Program Manager, Delaware River Port Authority

#### **107. 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.

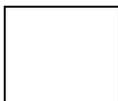
- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, AICP, PP, Executive Director, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University (**Moderator**)
- Greg Woltman, AICP, Research Project Coordinator, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University
- Yingning Xie, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University
- Zoe Baldwin, Vice President of State Programs, Regional Plan Association

#### **108. 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.

- Anthony Durante, AICP, RSP<sub>1</sub>, Senior Associate, Michael Baker International (**Moderator**)
- Nady Moini, PhD, PE, PTOE, PTP, RSP<sub>1</sub>, Chief of Transportation, NJSEA
- Jessie Cohen, Practice Lead - Planning and Design, Melissa Johnson Associates
- Matthew Maher, PE, PTOE, RSP<sub>21</sub>, Principal, Stantec



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**109. Empowering Seniors through Modern Mobility Solutions**  
(Paratransit & Community Transportation)

Room: Wildwood 18-19

Learn how Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS) has transformed its transportation operations by moving from manual scheduling system to an automated on-demand transit platform. Discover how these changes have streamlined operations, optimized resource use, and improved service quality for seniors in their community.

- Chris Smith, Operations Manager, Senior Citizens United Community Services (SCUCS)
- Cody Cornwell, Regional Sales Director, RideCo

**110. 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.

Olivia Babcock, P.Eng RSP1, Senior Field Solutions Engineer, Miovision

**111. Implementing Target Zero: Bus Stop Design**

Room: Wildwood 25

The session will integrate bus stop design and accessibility as an implementation tool for the New Jersey Target Zero program. The session will present examples of design guidance and implementation from other states. The objective is to help municipalities, counties, and agencies responsible for transit services see the value of integrating good bus stop design into corridor projects and intersection improvements.

- Mark Cassel, AICP, Project Manager –Transit, Bowman Consulting Group Ltd.
- Amy Bernknopf, Manager, Office of Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Planning, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Chris Henry, AICP, Mobility Studio Leader, IMEG, Formerly FHI Studio
- Michael Ahillen, AICSP, RSP1, Senior Planner, IMEG, Formerly FHI Studio

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