

Morris County Board of Transportation Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
30 Schuyler Place, 4th Floor Conference Room
Morristown, NJ

In Attendance:

Board Members	Staff	Others Attendees
Melverne E. Cooke	Denise Chaplick	Amy Magnuson, NJTPA
Ilene Dorf Manahan, Chairperson	Deena Cybulski	Chris Mazzei, M&E Railway
Frank T. Reilly	John Hayes	Don Hertel, Public
Judy Schleicher	Gerald Rohsler	
Art Valand		
Hester B. Wharton, Vice-Chairperson		
Dudley Woodbridge, Secretary		

- 1. Opening the Meeting:** *Chairperson Ilene Dorf Manahan* called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the last board meeting, held on December 2, 2008, were approved with edits from Dudley Woodbridge.
- 3. Public Comments:** None
- 4. Election of Officers:**
 Freeholder Resolution 56 appointing the following members to the Board of Transportation for a term of one year expiring on December 31, 2009:

Gene Feyl, ex-officio	Frank T. Reilly
Jim Murray, ex-officio	Judith Schleicher
Melverne Cooke	Arthur Valand
Ilene Dorf Manahan	Hester B. Wharton
Patricia Maynard	Dudley Woodbridge

Ilene Dorf Manahan welcomed new member Judith Schleicher, resident of Denville, to the Board of Transportation.

Frank Reilly, Chairperson of the Election Committee, presented the nominations for the 2009 Board of Transportation officers. The board members accepted the nominations and the following members will serve in these positions in 2009:

Ilene Dorf Manahan, Chairperson
 Hester B. Wharton, Vice-chairperson
 Dudley Woodbridge, Secretary

5. Staff Presentation: Assembly Bill 2731

Denise Chaplick discussed Assembly Bill A2731 which permits municipalities and counties to make most traffic engineering decisions without NJDOT approval. The bill was signed into public law on December 12, 2008. Previously, installation of certain traffic control devices had to be approved by NJDOT within 90 days of submission. The effect of this change is not yet clear.

6. Staff Highlights

○ **Economic Stimulus and Transportation**

Deena Cybulski reported that NJDOT and NJTPA have compiled a list of potential candidate projects for funding through the anticipated economic stimulus package. Morris County's Department of Public Works and Department of Planning & Development have begun formulating a list of projects as well. However, project eligibility is not determinable since the stimulus package has not yet been developed.

○ **Circulation Element Bulletin #10**

Denise Chaplick reported that Bulletin #10 on land use and transportation is almost complete. As with previous bulletins, the board will be asked to review and comment on the bulletin. *Jerry Rohsler* added that the Circulation Element is also underway and the board will be asked for their assistance in reviewing the document.

○ **Highlights from the draft Exxon Redevelopment Regional Traffic Study**

Deena Cybulski reported that the Division of Transportation and Engineering are reviewing the draft regional traffic impact study on the redevelopment of Exxon property in Florham Park. The study was conducted by the Louis Berger Group under contract with Morris County, and funded by Morris County, Madison, Hanover, Morristown, Morris Township, Florham Park, and Chatham Borough. After the county's comments are addressed, the study will be submitted to the participating municipal engineers for review. The study's findings will then be presented to each municipality.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- *Hester Wharton* asked everyone to think about potential trips for the annual Board of Transportation outing.
- *Frank Reilly* reported that NJ Transit Gladstone Branch trains now run directly to New York Penn Station on weekends. Riders must transfer for service to Hoboken.
- *Jerry Rohsler* reported that the NYS&W Bicycle Path continues to move forward. Morris County has hired an appraiser and the appraisal is underway. Morris County will be under contract with the RBA group for design, and final design should begin in the spring.
- *Deena Cybulski* handed out the draft Board of Transportation meeting dates for 2009. The meeting dates for 2009 are: January 13, March 3, April 7, May 5, July 7, September 1, October 6, and December 1.

9. Next Meeting: March 3, 2009

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: John J. Hayes