

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Planning Board Chairperson



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Minutes for the Meeting of the
Monmouth County Transportation Council
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Monmouth County Planning Board
1 E. Main Street
Hall of Records Annex
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:05 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE – ROLL CALL

Members Present

Garaguso, Anthony – Chair
Vernick, Jeff – Vice Chair
Barrett, Betsy
Gregory, Allison
Nelson, Eric
Ponzio, Nicholas

Staff Present

Furmanec, Victor
Schmetterer, David

Members Unexcused

Lucarelli, Benjamin

III. MCTC OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Garaguso opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Monmouth County Transportation Council. Ms. Barrett nominated Mr. Garaguso, which was seconded by Mr. Ponzio. With no other nominations, Mr. Garaguso called for a vote. The Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Garaguso for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Garaguso thanked the Council and assumed the role of Chairperson.

Mr. Garaguso then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Monmouth County Transportation Council. Mr. Nelson nominated Mr. Vernick, which was seconded by Ms. Gregory. With no other nominations, Mr. Garaguso called for a vote. The Council voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Vernick for the position of Vice Chairperson. Mr. Vernick thanked the Council and assumed the role of Vice Chairperson.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of the Council's 2024 Schedule and Business

A draft schedule setting 11 MCTC meetings throughout 2024 was included in the pre-meeting packet distributed to council members. Ms. Barrett motioned to adopt the draft schedule, seconded by Mr. Ponzio, and then accepted unanimously by the Council.

- 2024 Council Topics of Interest

Mr. Garaguso opened a discussion of topics Council members were interested in exploring and learning about in 2024. Council members offered the following topics for discussion or presentation at future meetings of the Council in 2024:

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- Monmouth County Engineering Projects including:
 - Rumson Sea Bright Bridge
 - Oceanic Bridge
 - Sharon Station Road
 - Main Street - County Route 537 Improvements
 - Glimmer Glass Bridge
- Monmouth County Parks
 - Updates regarding MC Parks trails
- Monmouth County Planning Projects
 - Barriers to Mobility Study
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Local Road Safety Action Plans
- Delaware & Raritan River Railroad progress update
- NJ TRANSIT
 - NJ TRANSIT 10-Year Strategic Plan and 5-Year Capital Plan
 - Topics/projects under NJ TRANSIT's purview under these plans, applicable to Monmouth County
 - NJ TRANSIT 15% fare increase in July 2024 and the system's fare options
 - Route 9 Transit Oriented Demand (TOD) Study
 - Bus stop features and lighting
 - Electric Bus fleets
- NYC Congestion Pricing
- Ferries / Ferry projects in the region
 - Studies of landside docks and connections
- NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife: Connecting Habitats Across NJ
 - New research updates
- Road Safety studies, plans, and education programs
 - Information on fatalities and serious injuries
 - Safe Routes to Schools (NJ DOT or EZ Ride)
- Fort Monmouth Redevelopment progress update
- Electronic Messaging (or Transcom)
- EV Charging
- Active Transportation

The floor was opened to the public, for any ideas that the public would like the MCTC to explore. Member of the public, Howard Kradjel, offered the following topics for discussion or presentation at future meetings of the Council in 2024:

- Traffic safety education and road fatalities
- Technology used by NJ TRANSIT to inform Bus travelers

V. REPORTS OF STAFF

- 2024 Winter MCTC Newsletter, Issue #28 Analytics

Staff discussed distributing the analytics in the subsequent days and members planned to review the analytics at the March 2024 meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Furmanec announced the next meeting of the MCTC will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in person with a virtual option using WebEx.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mr. Vernick to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Ms. Barrett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.