

# **TransAction Program - Summary**

*Session Descriptions & Speakers will be Posted weekly on Our Website: [njtransactionconf.com](http://njtransactionconf.com)*

## **Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

**10:00am- 4:00pm** Registration, 4th floor South Tower in Grand Exhibit Hall

### **10:30am-12:00**

1. The New Grade Crossing Regulations, Quiet Zones, etc. in the new US Rail Safety Act.
2. NJT Bus Operations & Planning Up-date, including the "GO Bus" and BRT.
3. Transportation and Land Use: Rt. 1 Regional Growth Strategy.
4. Public Outreach Process – Doing it Better for Better Results!
5. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**12:00 – 1:15 Lunch on your own.** Try on the boardwalk level: Hooters, George Sigano's Deli, Corky's Barbecue, Firewater Deli & Pub, Boardwalk Buffet, etc. Or the Seaside Café restaurant on the Casino level.

**Use your FREE \$10 Lunch Food Voucher (Valid Today Only) in any Tropicana eatery.**

### **1:15pm – 2:30**

6. Class I Railroad Corridor Capital Investments and Improvements in the Region and Nation: Good News for New Jersey!
7. Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Transit Agencies. Documented successful practices and procedures to improve emergency preparedness.
8. Statewide Transportation Policy and Planning Issues.
9. Rails to Trails to Rails? Reversing the Process: It Works!
10. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**2:30 – 2:45 Refreshment Break (beverages, jumbo gourmet cookies, fresh fruit cocktail)**

### **2: 45 – 3:45**

11. The Future of Rail Intermodal in New Jersey.
12. Bus Corridors Study Blue Ribbon Panel Reports.
13. Advocacy in the Planning Process.
14. Federal Transportation Trust Fund: America's Life Blood Program Needs Help! \$140 Billion short fall last year and its growing! What Next to Fund Vital Transportation Projects?
15. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

### **3:55 – 5:00**

16. NJT Commuter Rail: Meeting the Challenges, including the New Hudson River Rail Tunnel.
17. Continuing Education Credits for Transportation Professionals, Not Just Planners Anymore.
18. Regional Infrastructure Issues. Identifying and Meeting this Enormous Challenge.
19. Climate Change Challenge: The Transportation Solutions.
20. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**3:00 - 9:00pm** Exhibitor Set-up in the Grand Exhibit Hall (Not Open to Conferees Today)

## **Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**8:00-4:00** Registration, 4th floor South Tower in Grand Exhibit Hall

**8:15-9:15** Exhibit Hall Open & **Continental Breakfast** in rear of Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor, South Tower

**8:00-9:00** NJ Short Line Railroad Association meeting. (*Members only*)

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

21. NJ Transportation Trust Fund: It's Almost Empty. What Now? Is there a Miracle Worker in the House?
22. Selling Transportation Projects to the Public: How Are We Doing?
23. Port Authority of NY & NJ's Sustainability Initiatives: Reducing the Region's Carbon Footprint.
24. Measuring Planning and Project Performance: a New Federal Mandate.
25. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

## Thursday – Continued

### 10:15-10:45 Refreshment Break in rear of Exhibit Hall

#### 10:45-11:55

26. Pennsylvania's New Certified State Rail Passenger and Freight Master Plan.
27. Transportation Security in New Jersey and the Region: Highest Priority!
28. Complete Streets. A new DOT Administrative Order. How it is Applied to Municipal and County Governments and What it means to Them.
29. Transportation Information Technologies, ITS, GIS Advancements, etc.
30. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

### 12:00-1:20 **Sumptuous Buffet Luncheon (Grand Ballroom, North Tower)**

*Master of Ceremonies: Honorable Alex DeCroce, Republican Leader, NJ General Assembly*

*Keynote: Honorable Chris Christie, Governor (invited)*

*Honorable Jim Simpson, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation (invited)*

*Brief Remarks by Honorable John S. Wisniewski, Chairman, NJ Assembly Transportation Committee*

*Honorable Jim Weinstein, Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT (invited)*

*and other VIP's*

#### 1:35-2:40

31. VIP Roundtable: Honorable Assemblyman John Wisniewski (Chairman, NJ General Assembly Transportation Committee), Honorable Alex DeCroce (NJ General Assembly Republican Leader and past Chairman of the Transportation Committee), and Honorable Jim Simpson (NJ Dept. of Transportation Commissioner).
32. Using Innovative Transit Technology to Improve Environmental Sustainability and Adopting Green Practices.
33. Educating and Advising Congress, the Executive Branch, and State and Local Governments on the Value and Opportunity of Supporting Freight Railroads. It's a 'Win – Win' for Your Community!
34. FHWA Long Term Bridge Performance Program: New Jersey's Innovative Pilot Bridge Project Preliminary Results.
35. *To be announced*

### 2:40-3:00 Visit Exhibits & Door Prizes awarded in Exhibit Hall

#### 3:00-4:00

36. Travel Monitoring: It's Not Just Counting Cars Anymore.
37. Transportation Agencies & the Media – Public Participation and Dissemination of Information. *Some transportation agencies are successfully turning to online social media like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and the blogosphere to publicize their work.*
38. Freight Issues from the Regional Perspective: A Major Challenge is Undertaken.
39. Transit Transects: The Key to New Jersey's Competitiveness and Sustainability.
40. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

#### 4:10-5:10

41. Estimating the Benefits of Transportation Infrastructure Investments.
42. Saving Our Roads and Bridges! Putting the Brakes on Illegal Overweight Trucks.
43. New York MTA's Mega Projects: Underway and Recently Completed. You Won't Believe All the Progress in New York!
44. Morris County's Innovative and Trail Blazing Freight Infrastructure and Land Use Project.
45. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**5:30 - 7:30 Networking Reception & Expo** in the Exhibit Hall, South Tower, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. **This is a not to be missed event with great food. (All exhibits will be open and staffed.)**

## **Friday, April 30, 2010**

**8:00 - noon Registration**, 4th floor South Tower in Grand Exhibit Hall

**8:15 - 9:00 Exhibit Hall opens and Continental Breakfast in rear of Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor, South Tower**

### **8:45 - 9:55**

46. New Jersey State Bicycle Summit: Pedaling to the Peak.
47. Amtrak's Northeast Corridor Master Plan Up-date and the likely requirement for environmental documentation.
48. Gloucester County Multi-Modal Needs Study Using State of the Art Planning Tools.
49. The Condition of Our Transportation Infrastructure Today and its Fate and Consequences if Investment Ceases!
50. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

### **10:00 - 11:00**

51. Recent Analysis of Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility and Safety in New Jersey.
52. Federal Passenger Rail Investment & Improvement Act and American Recovery & Reinvestment Act initiatives in the Northeast: Good News for New Jersey and the Region!
53. Federal Transit Administration: Up-dates, Changes, Grants, etc.
54. Context Sensitivity Design and How It Is Applied.
55. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**11:00 -11:20 Refreshment Break & Door Prizes: Exhibit Hall** (Exhibitor break-down after 11:20am)  
**(See notice at the bottom of this page.)**

### **11:20 -12:20**

56. Amtrak's Penn Station New York Capacity Study Update.
57. Bicycling and Pedestrian Friendly Street Strategies: Techniques that Work and Where to Use Them.
58. Operations of Passenger and Freight Trains on the Same Track.
59. An Overview of the Transportation Funding Programs Administered through the State (includes Federal grant programs) that are Available to County and Municipal Governments and Non-Profit Agencies. *Includes what grantors are looking for, tips for successful grant writing, dead lines, etc. and Real World Examples and Experiences.*
60. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

### **12:25 -1:15**

61. AICP's *NEW Transportation Planners Certification*: All You Need to Know to Comply and get Certified.
62. Origin and Destination Surveys for Micro-Simulation Models or Other Reasons.
63. Utilizing Oracle Project Management Solutions to Manage Diverse Transportation Projects in Today's Environment. *A panel of highway, bridge, and transit professionals discuss lessons learned in controlling their projects with various tools. You will hear a broad range of scenarios from a single schedule to an enterprise collaborative portfolio of projects.*
64. The Community Liaison's Role during Construction: Expediting Projects and Addressing Community Concerns.
65. Community transportation and paratransit session to be announced.

**1:15 – 2:55 Sumptuous Buffet Luncheon in the Grand Salon, North Tower, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

### **Notice: Please Plan to Stay for the Entire Conference**

Although guest room check-out is noon, you can check out of your room and store your luggage for a few hours in the hotel's Coat & Luggage Check Room in the hotel lobby on the ground floor of the South Tower. It's open 24 hours a day. Or put it in you car and return to the conference.

**Sessions #61 - 65 on Friday are Outstanding and Not to be Missed.**