

Borough of Hightstown
Complete Streets Committee

4/26/2023 – Committee Meeting

6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Hightstown Library:

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was provided to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald* and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office.

- Roll Call

Member	Attended	Absent
Steve Misiura, Chair	X	
Henry Wang, Vice Chair	X	
Beverly Asselstine, Secretary, Planning Board representative	X	
Council Member Joe Cicalese	X	
Dave Zaiser, Environmental Commission representative		X
Tim Troxler		X
Alex Costantino	X	

Guest: Matt Morgan, David Schmetterer

- Approval of Agenda **Approved**
- Approval of Minutes **Approved**

GUEST PRESENTATION

- “Moving Mindfully Monmouth/Mercer **Freight Study**”, David Schmetterer **Mr. Schmetterer, the project lead for this study and is Assistant Director of Planning in the Monmouth County Planning Department, delivered a presentation about the study to the Committee and answered questions about how the study came about, who participated and the key findings and recommendations. The Study was funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and covered Allentown, Upper Freehold and Robbinsville. Mercer County Planners participated in the study, but the project was led by Monmouth. Mr. Schmetterer graciously agreed to share his experiences with us as a friend of a member of the Committee, not in any official capacity. The final report and detailed appendix can be downloaded from this webpage:**

<https://www.njtpa.org/Planning/Subregional-Programs/Studies/Completed-Studies/2018-%E2%80%93FY-2019/Comprehensive-Freight-Related-Transportation-Study.aspx>

OLD BUSINESS

- Project List Review **Discussion deferred to next meeting**
- Bank Street Mural/Tactical Urbanism **Discussion deferred to next meeting**
- Vision Zero **Discussion deferred to next meeting**
- Complete Streets Committee Email Access **Discussion deferred to next meeting**
- Hightstown Harvest Fair **Bev confirmed a table has been reserved for Complete Streets and Planning Board to gather information from the public and share progress on Complete Streets issues in Hightstown.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Report on the Middlesex County Freight Movement Study Public Information Session. **Bev shared some information from the Public Information meeting on this study, including recommendations summarized in the attached presentation. Some recommendations of interest to Hightstown are as follows:**
 - **Redesign and improve Exit 8A to handle more trucks efficiently, which could relieve pressure on Hightstown from trucks trying to get to Exit 8.**
 - **Add a new entry ramp to Route 133 at Cranbury Station Road to provide easier access to the Turnpike.**
 - **Provide more mass transportation options for potential employees to get to jobs in the warehouses.**

The project is scheduled to deliver a Phase I report in June covering the primary study area: Cranbury, Monroe, Jamesburg and South Brunswick. The plans are to continue the study with a Phase II that would encompass the remaining parts of Middlesex County and an extended area in Monmouth County and Mercer County to encompass areas impacted by these trucks. County and municipal representatives will be engaged for Phase II.

Currently the project survey and Wikki Map are still open. The Committee agreed all members should add comments.

ADJOURNMENT

2023 Meeting Schedule:

			April 26, 2023
May 24, 2023	June 28, 2023	July 26, 2023	August 23, 2023
September 27, 2023	October 25, 2023	November 15, 2023	December 27, 2023