

# Finalizing Recommendations



The Southern Middlesex County Freight Movement Study wrapped up this month. The initiative, led by Middlesex County with funding from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), identifies more than 60 recommendations.

The recommendations are split into six key opportunity areas:

**Truck Movement** – reducing truck congestion on routes to improve truck throughput, decrease overall congestion (including for passenger vehicles), and provide adequate routes so that truck operators are discouraged from traveling through residential neighborhoods.

**Wayfinding** – upgrading signage and influencing wayfinding software to encourage trucks to operate on designated truck routes and discouraging them from operating in residential neighborhoods.

**Neighborhood Protection** – evaluating truck restrictions and turn improvements in select locations where trucks are encouraged or required to go and implement Complete Streets measures to reduce speeding and discourage unwanted and unnecessary truck traffic in residential neighborhoods.

**Truck Parking** – addressing the demand for off-street truck parking for early arrival and Federal Hours of Service rest requirements.

**Workplace Accessibility** – expanding workplace access options for freight industry employees.

**Implementation** – identifying funding mechanisms, partnerships, and best practice planning tools to promote implementation of study recommendations.

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## Refining the Recommendations Through Public Feedback

On Monday April 17, the project team held the second and final public meeting in Cranbury. Following a presentation, attendees were invited to participate in breakout discussions with project team members, where they could document concerns, questions, and suggestions for ways to improve freight movement. More than 60 people attended, and additional comments were received after the meeting via email.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the draft recommendations. Your input has been valuable in shaping the recommendations, and we appreciate your contribution.

**The following highlights feedback received at the April 17th public meeting:**

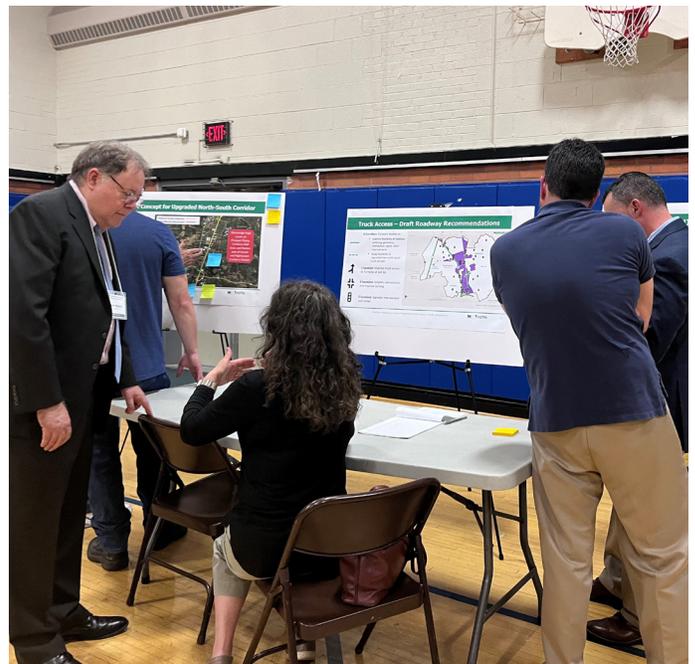
- Attendees suggested time limits and payment for long-term truck parking. Additional services could include bathroom facilities and other amenities.
- Wayfinding around the low railroad bridge in Jamesburg should be elevated as a short-term improvement.
- Consideration should be given to setting standards and possibly legislation for truck routing GPS apps.



- There were questions about the details and implications of a new proposed Northbound/Southbound route, along portions of existing Gavett Drive and Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road.
- Additional intersections were suggested for operational updates, including Route 130 from Route 1 to the Middlesex County boundary and Ridge Rd between Route 130 and Route 522.
- More information on warehouse employees and their typical commute patterns was requested. There is a desire for increased bus service to the area, and increased marketing of existing bus service.
- Attendees asked about the process for getting sound walls installed along US 130 and the New Jersey Turnpike.
- Attendees requested additional municipal coordination beyond the Primary Study Area (Cranbury, Monroe, Jamesburg, and South

Brunswick) to consider the long-term implications of land use planning and development, such as environmental and wetland assessment and associated recommendations.

- They also requested guidelines for municipal land use and zoning ordinances to manage development and truck traffic in the long-term.



## Next Steps: Final Report

The Southern Middlesex County Freight Movement Study will culminate in a final report. The report will include a detailed review of recommendations, including timeframes for implementation. The report will be published on the project webpage in Summer 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [planning@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:planning@co.middlesex.nj.us)

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