



**Together North Jersey 2.0
Competitive TNJ Task Force Meeting
NJTPA Board Room (Newark, NJ)**

October 6, 2016
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Background**
- III. Task Force Mission Statement:** *“To identify projects and partners, share information, coordinate efforts, and leverage resources to advance the Together North Jersey Regional Plan.”*
- IV. Process, Structure, and Communications (Attachment A)**
 - a. Roles and responsibilities
 - b. Communications and information sharing
 - c. Inter-Task Force coordination
- V. Tangible Projects and Outcomes (Attachment B)**
 - a. Recap of tangible projects and outcomes from June 2016 convening
 - b. Identify other tangible projects and outcomes
- VI. Technical assistance and capacity building (Attachment C, Attachment D)**
 - a. Member needs and resources
 - b. Develop specific proposal for technical assistance event
- VII. Recruitment of new members (Attachment E, Attachment F)**
 - a. List of potential new members
 - b. Invitation letter and recruitment process
- VIII. Visibility and Awareness-building for Together North Jersey (Attachment G)**
 - a. Review list of potential events
 - b. Collect suggestions from Task Force members
- IX. Next Steps (5 min)**



Together North Jersey TNJ Forum and Task Force Descriptions – v9-19-16

Together North Jersey Forum is a biannual convening of all Together North Jersey stakeholders, including member of the Together North Jersey Task Forces (see below). The Together North Jersey Forum is chaired by Rutgers University and is part of the NJTPA management structure through the Planning Department. The full Together North Jersey Forum will convene twice a year to discuss issues and topics pertaining to the implementation of the Together North Jersey plan. This could include technical assistance events, such as speakers' panels, keynote addresses, training, or other special events to highlight important cross-cutting issues that will impact successful implementation of strategies and actions on the ground.

Together North Jersey Task Forces will shepherd and guide the implementation of the actions and strategies identified in the plan. There is one Task Force for each key vision theme: Competitive, Efficient, Livable, and Resilient. The Task Forces will meet up to four times per year, with two of those meetings being convened as a full Together North Jersey Forum, as described above. Two of the four meetings will be specific to each Task Force and planned in coordination with Task Force Co-chairs and Staff.

The shared mission of each task force is to:










- **Identify projects and partners:** Task Force members will work with Together North Jersey to identify and undertake projects, programs and initiatives that can help to advance successful implementation of the strategies and actions recommended in the TNJ Plan. Task force members will also help the Together North Jersey project team identify key partners necessary to facilitate on-the-ground implementation.
- **Share information:** Task Force member will work cooperatively to share information and assist each in disseminating knowledge or new ideas pertaining to the implementation of Together North Jersey strategies.
- **Coordinate efforts:** Task Force members will actively look for opportunities to coordinate efforts on the ground in order to maximize the impacts project and programs in achieving success and implementation.
- **Leverage resources:** Task Force members will seek opportunities to leverage resources available in the TNJ/NJTPA region in order to make sure that scarce resources are wisely spent on projects that are in alignment with the goals and vision of the Together North Jersey Plan.

Details on the roles and responsibilities of Together North Jersey participants and Task Force members are described in the chart on the following page.

Participant Role	Responsibilities
Task Force Co-Chair	<p>The co-chairs serve as the primary liaison between the Task Force and the Together North Jersey project team to strategize, plan and evaluate progress on the implementation of the strategies under that Task Force. Their duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair task force meetings • Collaborate with Staff on setting agenda for meetings and monitoring follow up • Facilitate cross task force coordination by participating on TNJ Forum Leadership Committee.
Focus Area Champion	<p>Focus Area Champions provide subject-matter expertise and guidance regarding the implementation of the action plans identified in a particular Focus Area. Their duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure that discussion and action on items associated with your Focus Area are given appropriate attention as part of Task Force efforts • Collaborate with staff on monitoring progress on strategies and actions under their specific focus area. This includes providing assistance with annual survey of implementation as it pertains to those actions and strategies. • Provide subject-matter expertise in areas pertaining to their specific Focus Area. • Assist with recruitment of additional subject-matter experts or policy drivers as needed relevant to that Focus Area. • Attend Together North Jersey Forum and Task Force meetings. • Occasionally facilitate subject-specific discussion at Task Force meetings.
Task Force Member	<p>Task Force membership is open to stakeholders representing agencies or organizations in the Together North Jersey region. Member duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in monitoring progress on strategies and actions under the purview of Task Force. This includes assistance in collecting information pertinent to the Annual Implementation Survey, as needed. • Attend Together North Jersey Forum and Task Force events. • Provide written comments or other feedback on Together North Jersey materials, as needed. • Provide expertise, advice and thought-leadership to Together North Jersey staff on the development of Technical Assistance and training events. • Provide updates on their organization’s activities to implement the TNJ Plan.
Staff	<p>Role for NJTPA staff leads: Each task force has been assigned staff from NJTPA and the Voorhees Transportation Center to assist in the day-to-day operations of the Task Forces. Their duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing agendas and other meeting materials in consultation with the TNJ coordinator, VTC and Task Force chairs. • Preparing notes or minutes of Task Force meetings and disseminating to the Task Force members. • Coordinating regularly with the staff liaisons from other Task Forces to ensure cohesion within the Together North Jersey Forum. <p>Role for RU-VTC: Jon Carnegie, Executive Director of the Voorhees Transportation Center serves as the chair of the TNJ Forum. RU-VTC provides project management and support for the overall Together North Jersey initiative. This includes but is not limited to: coordinating overall communications, maintaining the TNJ website, fostering collaboration between TNJ Forum/task force members, and working with NJTPA with capacity-building and technical assistance activities.</p>



Competitive Actions and Strategies describing Pilot Programs

Focus Area	Strategy	Action	Suggested Responsibility	Timeframe	Action #
Focus Area 1: Create and retain well-paying jobs by supporting growth in our region's key industries	Strategy 1.1: Develop and implement a pilot program that makes it easier for businesses to obtain the permits they need to locate and expand in the region.	Engage a municipality to serve as the pilot location for streamlining the permitting process.	NJTPA, NJLOM	Medium Term	1.1.1 
		Establish an interagency working group to identify a project and the appropriate agency to administer it.	NJLOM, NJTPA, Pilot Community	Medium Term	1.1.2 
		Categorize the resources available in the pilot location.	NJLOM, NJTPA, Pilot Community	Medium Term	1.1.3 
		Develop a plan and timeline for project implementation.	NJLOM, NJTPA, Pilot Community	Medium Term	1.1.4 
		Report annually on the progress of the project and lessons learned.	NJLOM, NJTPA, Pilot Community	Medium Term	1.1.5 
Focus Area 2: Enhance North Jersey's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem	Strategy 2.4: Create and capitalize a regional innovation fund	Work with existing state and regional agencies, organizations, and institutions to pilot best practices models.	NJDOL	Long Term	2.4.2 
Focus Area 4: Align workforce training with industry needs	Strategy 4.3: Help incumbent workers transition to living wage occupations.	Identify specific occupations/pathways within each Talent Network to serve as pilot program. (Build on existing pilots, such as Passaic County Technical Institute and Bergen County Technical Schools pilot program to prepare students for careers in global logistics/supply chain management.)	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Short Term	4.3.2 
		Identify potential funding sources for pilot program(s).	NJTPA, NJDOL	Short Term	4.3.4 
		Evaluate effectiveness of pilot program(s) and refine/expand as appropriate.	NJTPA, NJDOL	Medium Term	4.3.5 



Identified Training Needs

Recommended by Task Forces at June 2016 Meetings



Outcome	Target Audience	Partners and Activities
Improved Grant Writing for all local partners	Municipalities, CBOs, Counties, all TNJ partner organizations	Host a grant-writing workshop or provide some kind of ongoing technical assistance for proposal writing.
COMPETITIVE TRAINING NEEDS		
Workforce Investment Boards and Workforce Development Boards implement best practices	Workforce Investment Boards; Workforce Development Boards	WIBs with strong partnerships (i.e. Newark and Essex County WIBs) could hold workshops
Management of freight is improved	Municipal planning and zoning officials	Workshops on best practices in freight management; Partners TBD
Talent Networks better able to align workforce training with industry needs	Talent Networks	Talent Networks could hold a cross-Talent Network symposium; NJTPA should continue to partner with talent networks to host outreach events
EFFICIENT TRAINING NEEDS		
Every county in the TNJ region adopts a Complete Streets policy and then enacts or applies the policy to their roadway networks and to their review of projects in their municipalities that may occur or have impact upon county roads.	Counties	NJTPA; NJDOT has technical assistance and funding available to assist interested municipalities
LIVABLE TRAINING NEEDS		
Improved understanding of data entry process for documenting crashes to prevent underreporting of safety issues and increase willingness of counties to fund road safety improvements	Municipalities	Technical assistance on data entry process; Partners TBD

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LIVABLE TRAINING NEEDS (con't)		
Road diets implemented where appropriate	Municipalities	Voorhees Transportation Center could provide workshops
Improved community engagement and establishment of effective, cross-sector partnerships	CBOs, planning departments, planning advocacy groups, arts, education, and culture agencies and organizations, hospitals, BIDs, town councils, etc.	Workshops on the establishment, management, and benefits of cross-sector collaboration and cooperation
HUD grantees are able to effectively prepare Assessment of Fair housing planning studies that reflect upon existing patterns and mobility counseling.	Counties and municipalities	TBD
RESILIENCY TRAINING NEEDS		
Improvement of flood mitigation and flood plain management and development; communities' CRS rating boosted.	Municipalities	The Monmouth County Division of Planning and the Monmouth County OEM have offered technical expertise to municipalities that wish to participate in the Monmouth County CRS Assistance Program. The expansion of these county-level teams can be implemented in the short and medium term.
Installed green infrastructure properly maintained.	Individuals who install, inspect, and maintain green infrastructure systems	Master gardeners clubs; Green Faith; NJ Urban Mayors Association is working on a proposal to partner with DC Water and Sewer Authority and the Water Environment Federation to create a National Green Infrastructure Certification Program. The program will certify individuals who install, inspect, and maintain green infrastructure systems.









Competitive Actions and Strategies pertaining to Training/Technical Assistance

Focus Area	Strategy	Action	Suggested Responsibility	Timeframe	Action #
Focus Area 1: Create and retain well-paying jobs by supporting growth in our region's key industries	Strategy 1.5: Connect small businesses that support the region's innovation clusters to growth and development opportunities.	Identify and inventory local business technical assistance programs in the region.	Rutgers-Bloustein	Medium Term	1.5.1
Focus Area 2: Enhance North Jersey's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem	Strategy 2.1: Expand the technical assistance and networking resources available to the region's startups and second-stage companies.	Work with state and local chambers and business organizations to identify needs and resources to support the growth of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs).	African American Chamber of Commerce, Greater Newark Enterprise Corporation (GNEC), Rising Tide Capital, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SHCC-NJ)	Medium Term	2.1.4
Focus Area 3: Strengthen the region's economy by building on existing assets and infrastructure	Strategy 3.3: Strengthen tourism by promoting North Jersey's arts, cultural, recreational, historic and natural amenities. Strategy 3.3: Strengthen tourism by promoting North Jersey's arts, cultural, recreational, historic and natural amenities.	Organize events in which speakers from tourism, arts, historic, and culture organizations share knowledge and expertise with the communities in the Jersey Shore, Delaware River, and Northwest counties that have tourism offices but have not focused on arts and culture tourism.	NJ Office of Tourism	Short Term	3.3.9
		Taking Hudson County as a model, identify a network of regional organizations and motivated individuals who can provide advisory services, technical assistance, access to grant programs, and audience development initiatives to smaller arts and culture organizations in the region.	NJ Office of Tourism	Medium Term	3.3.10
	Strategy 3.4: Support and expand agricultural businesses, urban farming and agritourism.	Reach out to existing organizations that have been active in agritourism issues, such as www.visitnjfarms.org , the Rutgers Food Policy Institute, the New Jersey Farmers' Direct Marketing Association, and the New Jersey Farm Bureau to incorporate their members and interest in the RPSD process in order to identify issues (if any) that may be addressed on a regional basis. Examples that have been previously identified as challenges to agritourism that overlap with topics addressed in the CEDS and RPSD include: availability and training of workers, access to capital, access to information, municipal and state regulations and land use.	Agricultural boards, Rutgers Cooperative Extension	Medium Term	3.4.3






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Focus Area	Strategy	Action	Suggested Responsibility	Timeframe	Action #
Focus Area 4: Align workforce training with industry needs	Strategy 4.1: Align workforce development efforts with industry needs through improved data	Develop a centralized repository of workforce training providers in the region.	NJDOL, WIBs	Short Term	4.1.2 
		Target training resources at programs offering the highest potential to lead to an industry-recognized credential in a high-demand and/or high-wage occupation.	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Medium Term	4.1.5 
		Enlist partners to organize an annual talent development conference where common issues, including data collection and sharing, will be addressed.	NJDOL, WIBs	Medium Term	4.1.6 
		Engage employers and partners in evaluating and prioritizing comprehensive, long-term strategies for improving access to economic opportunity for all residents. Programs that facilitate re-entry into the workforce for under-represented populations should be emphasized. (Examples of other “ladder of opportunity” strategies include increasing financial literacy; increasing the availability of high-quality early-childhood education programs; and connecting disadvantaged populations with local workforce training, employment centers, health care and other vital services through improved transportation access.)	NJDOL, WIBs	Short Term	4.1.7 
	Strategy 4.2: Expand occupational and soft skills training programs to address barriers to employment for disadvantaged workers.	Look for opportunities within existing programs, including career pathways, to create on-ramps and stackable credentials (i.e., programs that combine English language instruction with entry-level occupational training, enabling participants to earn a paycheck more quickly than standard approaches).	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Short Term	4.2.3 
		Based on the outcome of Strategy 4.1, work with employers and partners to implement and/or move the region forward with regard to comprehensive, long-term strategies for improving access to economic opportunity for all residents.	NJTPA, NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Medium Term	4.2.4 

Competitive Actions and Strategies pertaining to Training/Technical Assistance



Focus Area	Strategy	Action	Suggested Responsibility	Timeframe	Action #
Focus Area 4: Align workforce training with industry needs	Strategy 4.3: Help incumbent workers transition to living wage occupations.	Convene an inter-agency task force to discuss the current status of career pathway initiatives in the region.	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Short Term	4.3.1 
		Work to ensure that training programs are accessible to existing workers who may require evening or weekend programs. Look at offering training programs in multiple languages beyond English and Spanish.	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Short Term	4.3.3 
	Strategy 4.4: Create a regional apprenticeship and internship program for non-college-bound students.	Create an inventory of existing public, private, and nonprofit work apprenticeship programs.	Chambers of Commerce	Medium Term	4.4.1 
	Strategy 4.5: Promote skilled trades and other traditional vocational and technical programs	Target training resources at programs offering the highest potential for an industry-recognized credential in a high-demand and/or high-wage middle-skills occupation.	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Medium Term	4.5.3 
		Host events that connect young people with concepts related to middle skills jobs (e.g., Mini Maker Faire).	NJDOL, Talent Networks, WIBs	Short Term	4.5.5 



Proposed TNJ 2.0 Competitive Task Force Invitees and Partners



The table below lists the entities identified during the June 2016 TNJ 2.0 Competitive Task Force meeting as potential partners that should be invited to join or otherwise partner with the Competitive Task Force.

Other categories of invitees:

The Competitive Task Force identified several general categories of potential members. The Task Force should deliberate to determine if any specific entities should be selected for an invitation from among the following categories:

- Counties
- Labor Unions
- Local technology groups/companies
- Higher education
- Businesses/business associations

IDENTIFIED COMPETITIVE TASK FORCE INVITEES

Organization Name	Potential Contact	Purpose for Invite	Comments/Suggestions?
Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board	Jack Patten, Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Workforce Development Board of Passaic County	Chris Irving, Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Bergen Workforce Development Board	Tammy Molinelli, Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Essex County Department of Economic Development, Training & Employment (WIB)	Sam Okparaeké, WIB Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Hudson County Workforce Development Board	Marcia Kahnowitz, WIB Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Newark Workforce Development Board	Amina Bey, Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Union County WIB	Antonio Rivera, M.S.W. Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board	John P. Maddocks, Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
New Brunswick One-	Yadira Hoschild,	Provide input and foster	



Proposed TNJ 2.0 **Competitive** Task Force Invitees and Partners



Organization Name	Potential Contact	Purpose for Invite	Comments/Suggestions?
Stop Career Center	Counselor	partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Monmouth County Workforce Development Board	Eileen Higgins Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Ocean County Department of Human Services	Tracy Maksel WIB Director	Provide input and foster partnerships to implement FA 1,2, and 3	
Hudson TMA	Jay DiDomenico, Director	Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
HART Commuter Information Services	Tara Shepherd, Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
Keep Middlesex Moving (Associated with Middlesex County Improvement Authority)	Ronal P. Hutchinson, President of Board of Directors	Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
Meadowlink Commuter Services (ezride)		Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
Ridewise of Raritan Valley	Donna Allison, Executive Director	Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
TransOptions, Inc		Provide input and foster partnership to connect workers to jobs	
NJ Business and Industry Association (NJBIA)	Michele Siekerka, President and CEO	Align workforce training with industry needs. NJBIA is also a leading member of the Opportunity NJ coalition.	
NJ Tech Council	James Barrood, President and CEO	Develop training to ensure workforce skills keep up with quickly-changing technology	
ManufactureNJ	Raymond Vaccari, Director	Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	



Proposed TNJ 2.0 **Competitive** Task Force Invitees and Partners



Organization Name	Potential Contact	Purpose for Invite	Comments/Suggestions?
Financial Services Talent Network (FSTN)		Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
NJ Health Care Talent Network	Padma Arvind, Ph.D, Director	Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
Life Sciences Talent Network	Matthew Alcalde, Director	Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Talent Network	North: Sandra Bleckman, Director South: Caitlyn Weiss, Director	Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
Technology Talent Network	Karen Richards Co-Director Joseph Tetteh, Co-Director	Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
Transportation, Logistics & Distribution Talent Network		Link Talent Networks with higher education; partner with Task Force to host symposium and host outreach events.	
New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools (NJCCVTS)	Judy Savage, Executive Director		



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Dear [INSERT NAME]

Subject: Invitation to Join Together North Jersey Task Force

In May of this year, Together North Jersey (TNJ) reconvened to engage its regional and local partners in a concerted effort to advance implementation of the TNJ regional plan released in November 2015. The plan recommends more than seventy strategies designed to make the 13-county TNJ planning region more competitive, efficient, livable and resilient. I am writing to invite you to join this exciting planning initiative by becoming a member of the **Together North Jersey Forum**. Since January of this year, TNJ has been working closely with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to transition the focus of TNJ's work from planning to action. The TNJ Forum is a critical part of this transition.

The TNJ regional plan was the result of three and half years of collaboration with over 300 stakeholders and partner organizations around the region. Together we laid out a strategic vision for creating a more competitive, efficient, livable, and resilient northern New Jersey. This vision will be realized through the implementation of key strategies and actions in areas such as economic and workforce development, land use, transportation, housing, education, arts and culture, environmental stewardship, and public health.

To ensure broad participation from stakeholders around the region, TNJ has established a TNJ Forum, which includes four task forces to guide the implementation of the strategies and actions identified in the plan. There is one task force for each of the TNJ vision themes: Competitive, Efficient, Livable, and Resilient. The mission of the task forces is to "identify projects and partners, share information, coordinate efforts, and leverage resources to advance the TNJ Plan."

In order for the task forces to be effective they must include broad representation and the involvement of critical stakeholders and organizations. Toward that end, I am writing to ask you to join Together North Jersey as a representative of [INSERT THEIR ORGANIZATION] and agree to participate as a member of the [INSERT WHICH ONE] Task Force. [ADD SOMETHING PERSONAL/SPECIFIC ABOUT THIS PERSON'S QUALIFICATIONS]

Links to more information about TNJ, the role of the task forces and a more detailed description of topics to be address by the [INSERT TASK FORCE NAME] are listed in the attachment to this letter. I have also provided a link to the executive summary of the Together North Jersey Regional plan for your reference. If you have questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Miriam Salerno at (848) 932-2876 (miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Carnegie".

Jon Carnegie, AICP/PP
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Enclosed: Links and Additional Information about Together North Jersey



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LINKS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT TOGETHER NORTH JERSEY

1. The Together North Jersey Plan (full plan document): http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page_id=1814
2. The Together North Jersey Plan Executive Summary: <http://togethernorthjersey.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Executive-Summary-Final.pdf>
3. Background on the Together North Jersey Task Forces: http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page_id=24486
4. Topics and information for the XXXXXXXX Task Force: <http://togethernorthjersey.com/....>



Potential Events for TNJ 2.0 Visibility

The following table presents events held over the next year where TNJ 2.0 visibility and awareness building could be conducted.

Event Name	Date/Time	Location	Organizer	Description
Under One Roof: Network Community Development Conference & Membership Meeting	10/21/16 8:30am	Crowne Plaza Monroe South Brunswick located at 390 Forsgate Dr. in Monroe Township	HCDNNJ	Day-long, annual networking and award event featuring presentations and speakers on community development and housing issues.
Redevelopment Forum (annual)	In 2016, took place in March	TBD	New Jersey Future	Conference featuring workshops and panels that share innovative ideas and best practices in urban redevelopment.
PlanSmart NJ's 48 th Annual Dinner	11/3/16 6:00pm-9:30pm	The Hyatt Regency Princeton 102 Carnegie Center Drive Princeton, New Jersey, 08540	PlanSmart NJ	Honors individuals' and organizations' contributions to effective land use planning.
Regional Planning Summit (annual)	In 2016, took place in June	TBD	PlanSmart NJ	Conference on development issues featuring speakers and presentation of PlanSmart NJ research.
New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit (annual)	In 2016, took place in February	TBD	New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition	Features speakers on local efforts to foster active transportation and an award ceremony.
APA-NJ Conference (annual)	In 2016, took place in January	TBD	APA-NJ	APA's annual conference featuring exhibits, awards, speakers, and panels on a wide range of planning topics.
APA-NJ Planning Awards (annual)	In 2014, took place in January	TBD	APA-NJ	Award ceremony honoring accomplishments in the field of planning.