

News from the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners

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County Invites Public to Provide Feedback on Draft Transportation Plan at Virtual Meeting on Sept. 28

SOMERVILLE, NJ – The Somerset County Planning Board invites residents to learn about recommendations and provide feedback for the "Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045" study. A virtual meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28. To register, <u>click here</u> or visit <u>somersetcounty.mysocialpinpoint.com</u>.

After a brief PowerPoint presentation, there will be several online breakout rooms where participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback about the proposed plan and its policies and procedures. Spanish captioning will be available, and the presentation will be recorded.

"One major priority is improving our transportation systems and helping residents easily and affordably get to their classes, jobs, medical appointments, shopping, and other necessary appointments," said Commissioner Director Shanel Y. Robinson in her 2023 Somerset County inauguration speech. "This is not only about improving Somerset County's program but it's also about partnering with the NJTPA and our municipalities in a comprehensive effort."

The County is seeking public input about the proposed transportation plan, which aims to improve mobility and travel throughout the County by:

- Maintaining and enhancing the county's transportation system
- Considering the needs of residents and their mode of transportation when maintaining and enhancing the County's transportation system
- Implementing public input about the decision-making plans, policies, and projects for the transportation system
- Ensuring the needs of underserved communities are addressed during the transportationplanning process
- Developing projects for a six-year County Capital Improvement Program
- Collaborating with municipal and state agencies about land use and transportation-planning decisions
- Addressing environmental concerns such as traffic congestion and safety

The "Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045" replaces the award-winning 2011 "County Circulation Plan: Making Connections." The county Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development is guiding the development of the new transportation plan, which will be included as part of the County Master Plan.

To register for the meeting, visit somersetcounty.mysocialpinpoint.com or click here to register.

Submit comments at KeepSomersetMoving@co.somerset.nj.us. To learn more about the Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045, click here or visit somersetcounty.mysocialpinpoint.com.

Grants From the NJPTA

Somerset County received a Subregional Planning Studies grant from the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) to update its 2011 County Circulation Plan.

Somerset County Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development

The <u>Somerset County Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development</u> helps government officials, business leaders, and citizens create communities that offer better choices for where and how people work and live by positively influencing the process of growth and change in the county. The division also helps build an optimum living and working environment for residents and employers by protecting the natural environment and preserving the county's rich history, farmland, and natural beauty while supporting sustainable economic growth and job creation.

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