

**ROUTE 139 – REHABILITATION OF THE HOBOKEN AND CONRAIL VIADUCTS**  
**Contracts 1,2 & 3**  
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER – DECEMBER 6, 1999**  
**Frederic R. Harris, Inc.**

<i>Meeting Date</i>	12/06/1999	<i>Type</i>	Internal	Team	Progress	Other
<i>Date of Issuance</i>						X
<b>Attendees</b>	Henry Cole	NJDOT		Ernest Hutchins		F. R. Harris
	Larry Vogel	NJDOT		John Kovar		
	Steve Hochman	NJDOT		Leslie Roche		
	Tom Johnson	NJDOT OCR				
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	Shay Burrows	FHWA		Dean Simpson		
	David Hawk	FHWA		John Miller		Reichman Frankle
				Rena Frankle		
<b>Location</b>	City Hall - Jersey City					

- 1) Purpose: The Public Information Center was held in accordance with FHWA requirements for community involvement in project scope development.
- 2) Other Issues: The following comments were made by members of the public who attended (see attached Attendance Sheet):

**Contract 2**

1. Existing traffic access routes on and off the viaducts and Turnpike ramps should be maintained after project completion.
2. People currently park on the westbound approach to the Palisade Avenue/State Highway intersection because there is not enough on-street parking.
3. Pedestrians utilizing the proposed sidewalk on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct should be provided a means to safely cross the southbound NJ Turnpike ramp. A ramp/stairway connection located west of the gore area that would allow people to get from the proposed 14<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct sidewalk to the street below is suggested.

**Contract 3**

4. Jersey City has a long-standing proposal to construct a police substation near the southeast corner of State Highway and Oakland Avenue (south of Hoboken Avenue). Robert Cercio, City Architect, and Michael Moriarity, City Police Director (201-547-5325), should be consulted regarding the scope and status of this proposal. How this proposal may affect the project should be investigated.
5. The proposed design to improve the safety of left turn movements to and from State Highway is welcomed.

**General**

6. Regarding right-of-way acquisition, when proposed takes are determined, the public should have an opportunity to review and comment on them.
7. The potential for encountering hazardous waste contamination associated with the work on the structures should be investigated, particularly as it may affect the community.

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8. An explanation of the public process was requested and provided, including an explanation of the public process, how will the community will be kept informed on the project, other opportunities to review and comment on the project, and the availability of the EA and other project documents for public review and comment.
  9. The public expressed concerns about the potential for traffic detours during construction.
  10. The Manhattan Solid Waste Authority (Point of Contact: Robert Roystacker (sp?)) is proposing to send New York City waste on trucks through the project corridor beginning on or about 2001. It is recommended that NJDOT coordinate with the MSWA and NY City Planning Department.
- 3) Action Items Resulting from This Meeting:
- a) The public input from this meeting should be evaluated and retained for inclusion in the forthcoming Environmental Assessment for Contract 3 (Leslie Roche, FRH)..
  - b) In light of the MSWA proposal, R. Frankle is to draft a letter to MSWA for H. Cole's signature informing the MSWA of the Route 139 project schedule and status. This letter should specifically refer traffic questions to J. Kovar (Rena Frankle, RF).

The above represents the understanding of the writer. Please advise of additions/corrections as soon as possible.

Submitted:

**FREDERIC R. HARRIS, INC.**

Leslie E. Roche  
Environmental Task Leader

cc:

Attendees  
Task Leaders  
Subconsultant Team  
Project File (Minutes)

# ATTENDANCE RECORD

Date 12/6/99 Place State Highway Project - Route 139

Project Jersey city Municipal Bldg

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