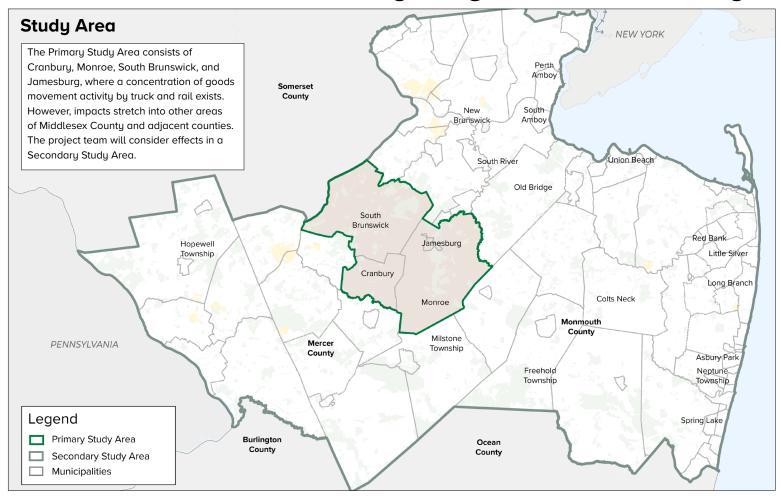


OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Southern Middlesex County Freight Movement Study



With its proximity to the New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 8A, rail lines, and availability of land for development, southern Middlesex County has long been a locally, regionally, and nationally significant freight and logistics hub. These assets have attracted the development of warehousing and distribution centers. The Southern Middlesex County Freight Movement Study will identify travel needs and impacts due to increasing freight movement in the southern region of Middlesex County. This information will provide Middlesex County a comprehensive perspective of current travel conditions to inform planning, engineering, and

policies compatible with area needs. This study will examine truck traffic circulation wholistically and will be completed by late Spring 2023.

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) Subregional Studies Program supports the Study through a grant to Middlesex County.

Please complete a short survey to tell us more about the issues you experience with freight movement. You can also share locations of concern and potential improvements on an interactive map:

www.fhistudio-apps.com/smc-freight/

Project website: https://bit.ly/SMCFreight













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Study Goals

The Study aims to:

- Foster collaboration among municipal partners, private industry, and regional entities, and build consensus for study recommendations.
- Evaluate the existing transportation facilities (road and rail) used for regional and local freight movement within, to, and from the primary study area.
- Evaluate the existing transportation facilities (road and rail) used for regional and local freight movement that travels through the secondary study area to the primary study area.
- Identify potential routing alternatives for trucks to remove negative impacts to local

communities within the primary study area, avoiding environmentally sensitive lands and

conservation areas.

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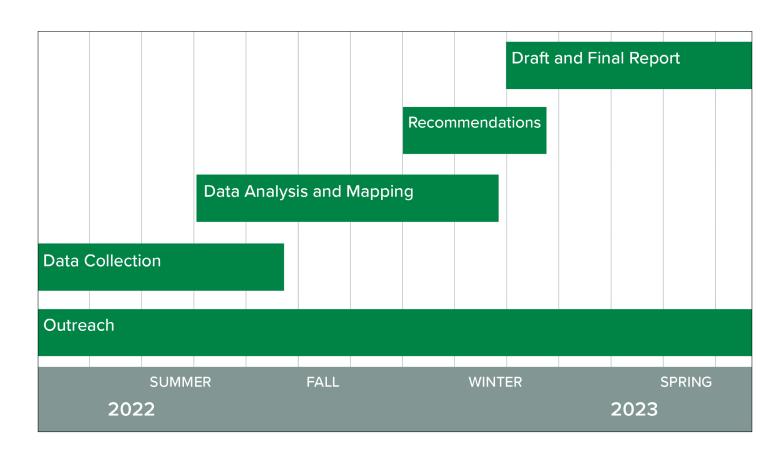
online map and survey

- Identify potential improvements to existing road and rail facilities to address safety, congestion, multi-modal mobility, accessibility, traffic operations, and impacts of regional traffic on local communities.
- Identify recommendations to improve job access for logistics industry workers within the study
- Fairly distribute the benefits and burdens of study recommendations. Avoid recommendations that cause a disproportionate burden on environmental justice communities.



Schedule

This study kicked off in Spring 2022. Data collection, analysis, and mapping will occur through 2022, with recommendations and report development continuing into 2023. Please visit the website for more information about this important study.

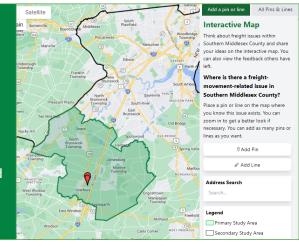


Get Involved

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This Study will include several phases of public input with multiple methods of collecting your feedback. We anticipate public meetings in the fall and winter of 2022/2023.

We want to hear from you! Please complete a short survey to tell us more about the issues you experience with freight movement. Share what kinds of improvements you think we should prioritize. You can also share locations of concern and potential improvements on an interactive map: www.fhistudio-apps.com/smc-freight/



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