



Northern Branch Corridor Public Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Agenda



- Introductions
- Project History
- Project Status
- EIS Process
- Other Issues





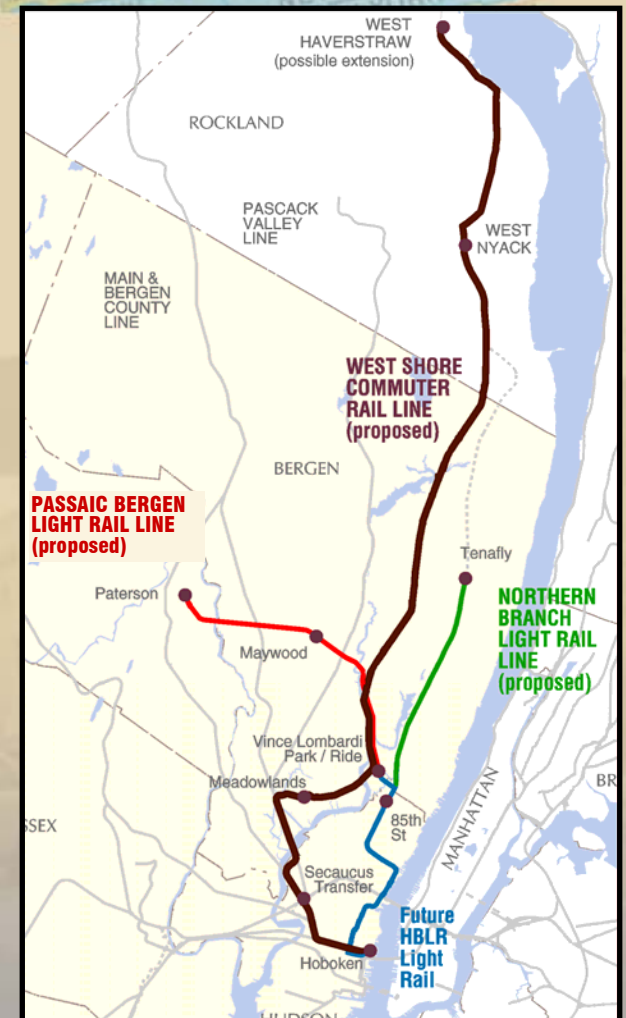
Introductions



Project History

Project History

- West Shore Study
 - Proposed Regional Transit Network Serving Bergen & Rockland Counties Through 3 Corridors
 - West Shore: Commuter Rail Sports Complex
 - Northern Branch: Light Rail
 - Passaic Bergen: Light Rail



Project History



- Northern Branch HBLR Extension Alternative
 - Recommended through Alternatives Analysis
 - Assumed HBLR extended to Vince Lombardi P&R
 - Operate from Tenafly to 83rd Street, North Bergen
 - Physical separation between freight & LRT
 - Electrically Propelled
 - Overhead Catenary



Project History



- Changes that led to a fresh look of the project
 - THE Tunnel
 - TriCounty Rail Plan
 - New Rail Passenger Technology (DMU)

Project History



- Northern Branch DMU Alternative
 - THE Tunnel
 - TriCounty Rail Plan
 - Operate from Tenafly to North Bergen
 - Connections to HBLR Via New Transfer Station in North Bergen
 - FRA-Compliant Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Railcar
 - Can Be Run on Same Tracks, at the Same Time with Freight Service



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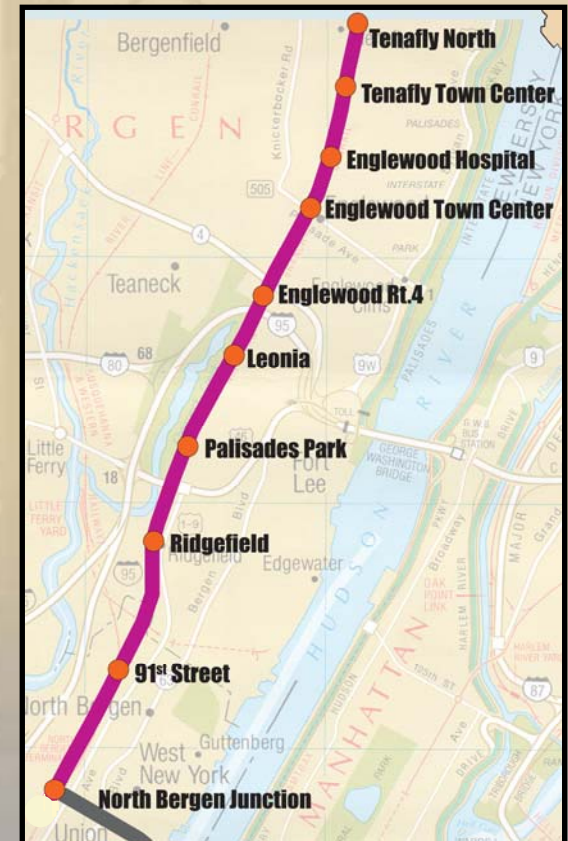
- New NOI and Scoping
 - Reflect the analysis of two alternative modes of transit

Project Status



■ Proposed Alternatives

- No Action
- HBLR Extension Alternatives
Temporal Separation
 - Tenafly North terminus
 - Englewood Route 4 terminus
- DMU Alternatives
 - Tenafly North terminus
 - Englewood Route 4 terminus



Project Status



Stations to be Studied

- North Bergen Junction
- Englewood Route 4
- 91st Street
- Englewood Town Center
- Ridgefield
- Englewood Hospital
- Palisades Park
- Tenafly Town Center
- Leonia
- Tenafly North



Other Planning Considerations

- THE Tunnel Connection
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail connection to the Meadowlands (69th Street Station)



EIS Process

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- NOI & Scoping Procedures
 - Scoping Meeting
 - Draft and Final Scoping Document
- Draft EIS
- Agency/Public Review & Comment
 - DEIS Public Hearing
- Final EIS
 - Address comments on DEIS
 - Agency/Public Review & Comment
- Record of Decision
- Agency Action

Environmental Analysis



■ Transportation

- Air Quality
- Noise & Vibration
- Traffic, Parking, Transit, Pedestrians & Freight Rail
- Energy & Potential for Conservation
- Electric & Magnetic Fields
- Safety & Security



Environmental Analysis

■ Natural Environment

- Water Quality
- Wetlands
- Flooding
- Navigable Waterways & Coastal Zones
- Ecologically Sensitive Areas
- Endangered Species
- Hazardous Waste



Environmental Analysis

■ Built Environment

- Land Acquisition & Displacement
- Land Use, Zoning & Economic Development
- Consistency with Local Plans
- Historic Properties & Resources
- Parkland
- Archaeology
- Aesthetics
- Community Disruption





Environmental Analysis

- Environmental Justice
 - Avoid disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority & low-income populations.
- Construction Impacts
 - Identify and minimize temporary impacts associated with construction activities.
- Cumulative Effects and Indirect Impacts
 - Determine cumulative effects of this action with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable major actions.



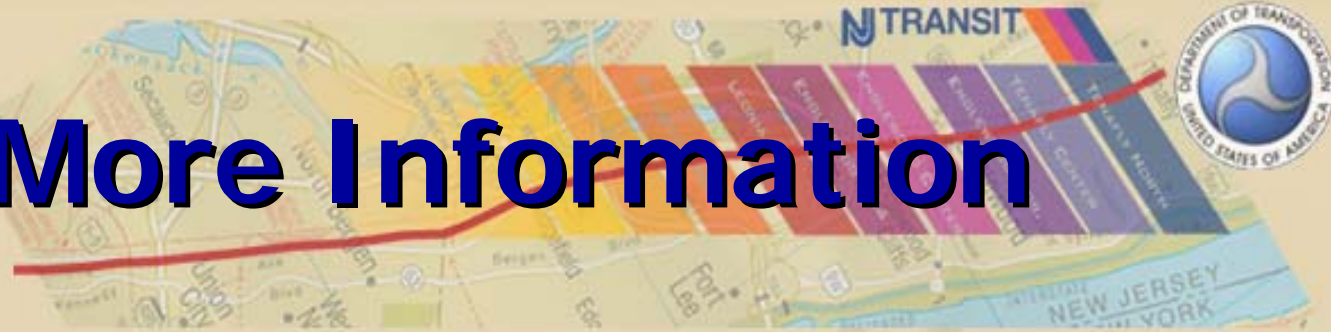
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- Hours of passenger service
- Nighttime freight operations
- Freight customers
- Passenger rail storage facilities
- Future conversion to commuter rail

For More Information



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Public Comment Session



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