North Bergen Station Sites

Traffic Level of Service and Mitigation

The table presents the final, mitigated traffic level of service (LOS) anticipated under each of the four build scenarios. The LOS indicated above represents the functioning of roadway intersections. Where project-generated traffic was projected to reduce the functioning of an intersection, mitigation measures, such as road widening, traffic signal timing adjustments, and lane reconfigurations were applied to relieve the anticipated traffic congestion. There are no at-grade crossings in North Bergen.

Parkland, Recreational, and Section 4(f) Resources

No parkland will be taken and no Section 4(f) resources will be adversely affected.

Property Acquisition and Tax Implications

The construction of project elements, including stations, parking lots, and the vehicle base facility or yard will require the acquisition of three full properties and three partial properties. Four of the properties are tax exempt. The loss of tax revenue from the remaining two acquisitions is about $67,000, or 0.67% of total property tax levied.

Wetlands

Improvement of the rail right-of-way in North Bergen will impact approximately 3.40 acres of wetland. Development of 91st Street Station will impact approximately 0.45 acres of wetland. NJDEP will be consulted regarding mitigation, to be determined on a case-by-case basis, which may include mitigation on-site or off-site within the same watershed.

Community Facilities

No schools, libraries, or public medical facilities would be impacted by the proposed project. Grade crossings are not anticipated to adversely affect the operation of emergency service providers, including police, fire, and EMS.

Hazardous Materials

Potential hazardous material sites located within the right-of-way or near proposed station locations are identified. Site remediation, in accordance with State and Federal regulations would be required to use these sites. In areas where contamination is suspected, additional site reconnaissance, such as a Phase II study, will be conducted. During construction, health and safety plans developed pursuant to Federal regulations will protect construction personnel and the community from exposure to contaminated soil and water.