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## History of Studies and Projects:

2005 ECG Route Location Study

2007 ECG Close the Gap Summit

2009 ECG Close the Gap Summit

Truck Route 1 & 9 Construction

Kearney Redevelopment Plan

6<sup>th</sup> Street Embankment

2010 Western Hudson County ECG

Routing Study

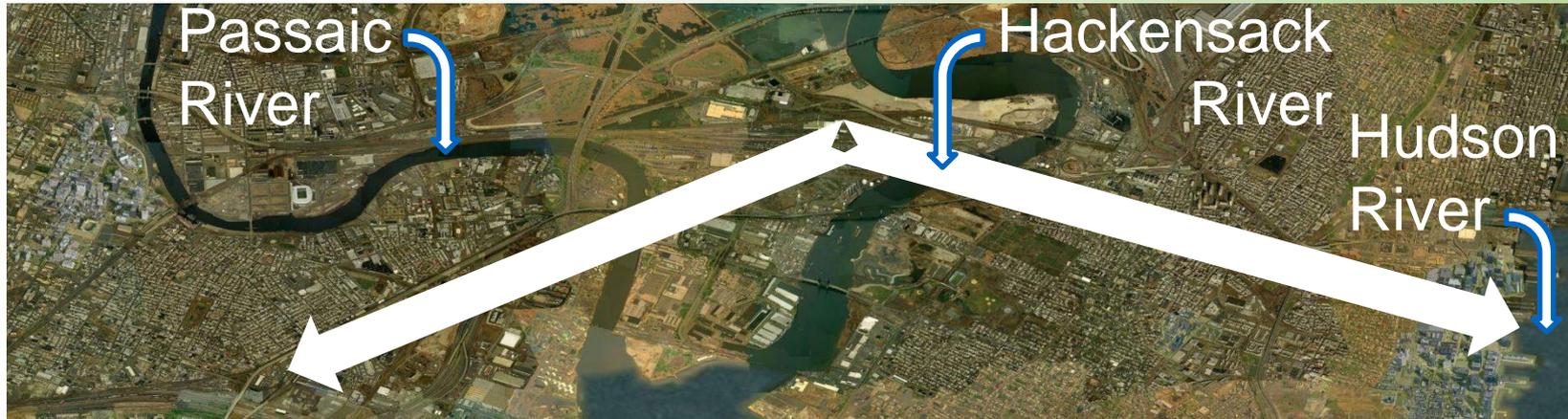
2015 9-11 NMT NJ Routing Study



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Vision:

Develop a safe off road connection to connect the communities of Kearny, Harrison, Newark, Hoboken and Jersey City and beyond.



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Outcome of studies was to look short through long term.

Perceived probable sequence:

- #1 Truck Route 1 & 9: Completed
- #2 Witt Penn, Rt 7 bridge: Construction
- #3 Boonton Line Rail Bridge
- #4 Amtrak Portal Bridge



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## #1 Truck Route 1 & 9: Completed



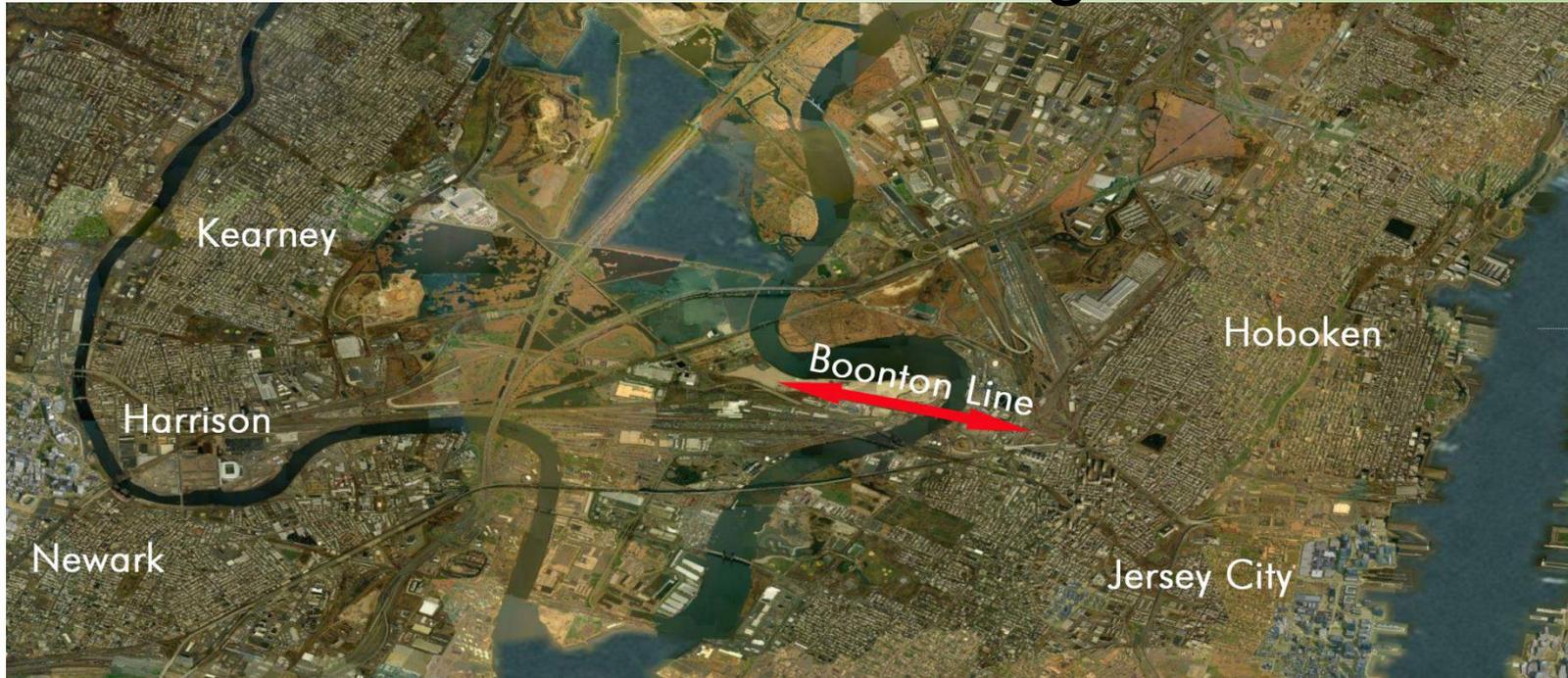
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## #2 Witt Penn, Rt 7 bridge Construction



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## #3 Boonton Line Rail Bridge



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## #4 Amtrak Portal Bridge

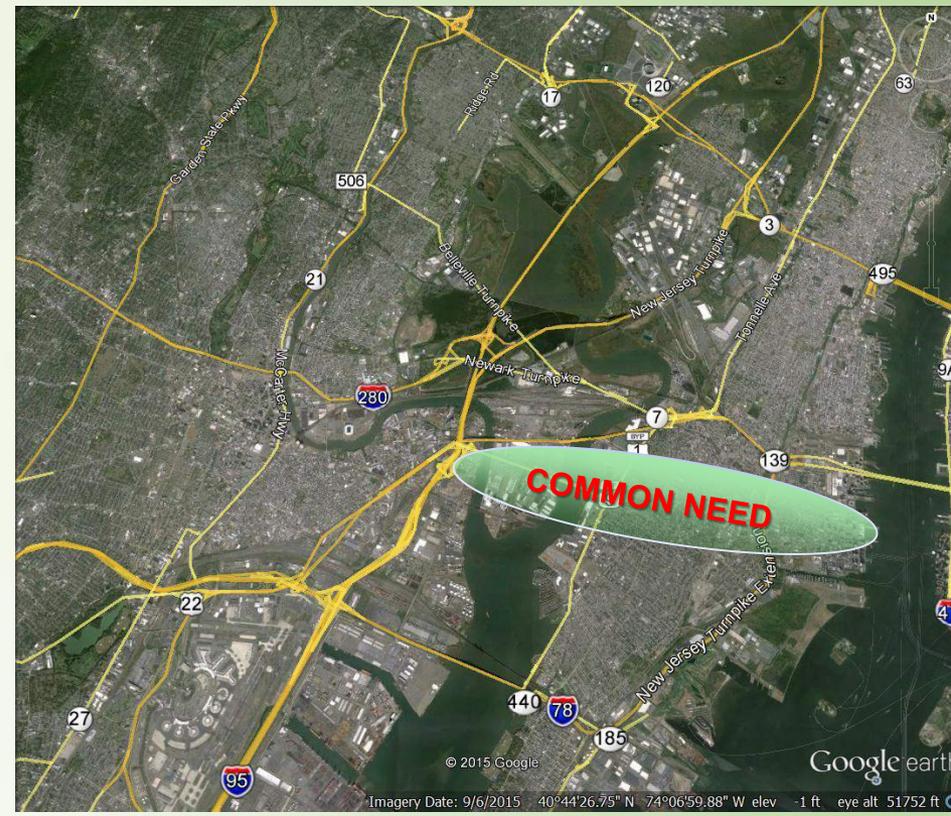


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Collaboration/Common Need:  
September Eleventh National Memorial Trail

Ice & Iron Trail

Essex & Hudson  
Greenway



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## Timeline:

NJ DOT Route 7 bridge project is limited in scope:

Expand the project to connect the bridge to the communities in  
November 2015

December 2015 invited key stakeholders to join

January 2016, Working Group Meeting convened



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## Organizations Represented

**1-15-16 Meeting**

NJDOT

NJDEP

Green Acres

Hudson County

Essex County

Newark

Jersey City

September Eleventh National Memorial Trail

East Coast Greenway

New Jersey Bike Walk Coalition

Iron and Ice Trail

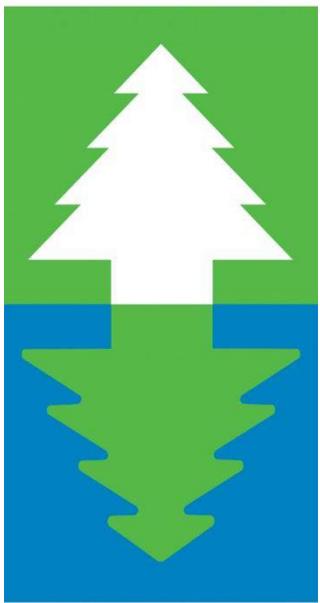
September 11th National Memorial Trail



911Trail.org



East Coast



Greenway®



New Jersey  
Bike & Walk  
Coalition

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Working Group Meeting Outcome:  
Get local political will for the Connector  
Vision from Meeting:

Connecting the Hudson Waterfront to the  
Newark University Heights and other points in  
Essex County using the Rt 7 Bridge



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Create a study that addresses more than two end points, doubling the potential interest in the effort.



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Through Collaboration Success:

From concept to Feasibility Study in under one year.



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Selling the Connector:

16% of the population of NJ lives in Essex and Hudson Counties.

7.1% of the population of NJ lives in Hoboken, Jersey City, Harrison, Kearney and Newark.

How to make the development of the trail palatable to politicians.



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Length of Trail vs. population:  
14 miles = 887,040 inches

Amount of trail to be built per resident of  
communities = 1.3 inches

Amount of trails to be built per resident  
of counties = 0.6 inches

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Assuming \$2,000,000 per mile:

Approximate cost of Trail per person:  
Communities @ 1.3 inches = \$41

Counties @ 0.6 inches = \$18.9

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Currently both DOT and DEP are focused on working with us to develop the best route through the Meadowlands.

# Pennsylvania



In 2015, 9 projects were forecasted to be in construction in 2016 at the National Meeting

# Pennsylvania

## Pennsylvania has 10 segments under construction in 2016:

1. Marcus Hook Bike Lanes, Delaware County
2. Tinicum 291 Side Path, Delaware County
3. John Heinz Visitors Center Connector, Philadelphia
4. Bartram's Mile, trail and bridge across the Schuylkill River (Schuylkill River Trail), Philadelphia
5. Boardwalk Extension trail from South Street to Christian Street (Schuylkill River Trail), Philadelphia
6. Sugarhouse Casino (North Delaware River Greenway), Philadelphia
7. K&T Rail Trail (North Delaware River Greenway), Philadelphia
8. Baxter Trail (North Delaware River Greenway), Philadelphia
9. Green Lane (D&L Canal Towpath), Bucks County
10. Route 13 (D&L Canal Towpath), Bucks County



# Delaware



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# Maryland DC

