

NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM

Notice of Availability and Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM, a 104-140 MW microgrid in Hudson County, New Jersey.

New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is conducting a Public Hearing for the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and FTA’s regulations and guidance for implementing NEPA. NJ TRANSITGRID is a first-of-its-kind microgrid for mass transit in the United States. During storms or other times when the commercial grid is compromised, NJ TRANSITGRID will provide resilient, highly reliable electric power to a number of NJ TRANSIT facilities in northeastern New Jersey, a core segment of NJ TRANSIT’s critical service territory. NJ TRANSITGRID will be powered by a 104-140 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired power generating plant. The proposed location is in an industrial zone in Kearny, NJ, near two traction power substations that provide electricity for a portion of Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor and NJ TRANSIT’s Morris & Essex Lines. Transmission lines and associated infrastructure will extend to substations in Kearny, Jersey City, Bayonne, Hoboken, Weehawken, Union City, and North Bergen, NJ, to support limited operations and emergency transportation on portions of the Northeast Corridor, Morris & Essex Line, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail System, and other railroad electrical power needs.

Public Hearing

Date and Time*: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Location**: Saint Peter’s University <i>The Duncan Family Sky Room, 6th Floor</i> 47 Glenwood Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306
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** A presentation of the project will be made at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM, followed by the opportunity for hearing attendees to provide comments to the project committee.*

***If you require special accommodations, please contact our outreach representative Victor Domine at (201) 612-1230 Ext. 25 or at njtransitgrid@NJTRANSITResilienceProgram.com.*

The Public Hearing is also posted on meeting notices (both English and Spanish language versions) at public libraries and Section 8 housing locations. Public Hearings provide an opportunity for the public and agencies to speak to the project sponsors, enter comments into the record directly through dictation (but not to the larger group in attendance) and provide input to the DEIS in writing.

The DEIS for the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM is published and available for a 60-day public review period from May 20, 2019 through July 19, 2019, pursuant to NEPA. Written comments sent to NJ TRANSIT and/or FTA will be accepted until close of business on July 19, 2019. This DEIS is available for agency and public review and comment on the proposed Project and its potential impacts from the project website: <https://njtransitresilienceprogram.com/nj-transitgrid-overview/njtransitgriddocuments/>. A hardcopy is also available for review at the Federal Transit Administration Region 2 Office, 1 Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004 and at NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105. A Notice of Availability on the DEIS is also available through the Federal Register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>. Following the close of the public comment period, on July 19, 2019, NJ TRANSIT will consider all substantive comments as we proceed to final design. Written comments on the DEIS should be sent **on or before close of business on July 19, 2019**, via mail to:

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Written comments may also be submitted **on or before close of business on July 19, 2019**, through the comment form on the project website at: <https://NJTRANSITResilienceProgram.com/contact-us/> or through the project email address: njtransitgrid@NJTRANSITResilienceProgram.com. Written and oral comments may also be submitted at the Public Hearing.