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***Mayor Healy Announces Completion of  
Downtown Traffic & Circulation Study***  
*Study funded through a North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Grant*

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today the completion of the Jersey City Regional Waterfront and Downtown Circulation Study, a project that will give city planners a guide for improving traffic flow in downtown Jersey City.

Funded by a \$176,000 grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the study was commissioned to look at ways to improve access into and out of downtown Jersey City and at how to improve mass transit.

“As the fastest growing city in the state, it is imperative that we look at all options available in alleviating the tremendous congestion in the downtown area,” **Mayor Healy** said. “Although traffic will always exist in an urban environment, my goal is to make Jersey City the most accessible city in New Jersey for those who live and work here.”

According to the study, which was done by planning and engineering consultant Stantec, if all projected development is completed by the year 2020, the current roadway network will be at full capacity.

The study further showed that signal optimization, which is the synchronization of traffic signals and minor geometric improvements at problem intersections such as an extra turning lane, will greatly reduce congestion on city streets.

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Additionally, the study found that intercept parking, commonly referred to as ‘park and ride,’ should be increased, ideally outside of Jersey City, an idea Mayor Healy has been advocating. An important concept is the extension of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Embankment and passage of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail through the Bergen Arches and along the embankment to the Jersey City waterfront.

“We need to encourage more people to use mass transit,” said Robert Antonicello, Acting Director of the city’s Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce. “In order to accommodate these individuals, we must expand and improve mass transit, particularly the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail which travels alongside the Hudson River and transports individuals into and out of Jersey City from the South, North and West.”

A steering committee comprised of members of the Municipal Council, representatives from the Mayor’s Office, members of the business and development community, as well as numerous community groups was formed and met during the time of the study to look at ways at improving traffic flow. Other important factors include cost, pedestrian and bicycle safety and accessibility, as well as environmental impact.

More information on the traffic study can be obtained on the website, [www.downtownjcras.com](http://www.downtownjcras.com). The final report will be made available in the near future.

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