A New Approach to Reducing Port & Highway Congestion - the Raritan Express Corridor

Intermodal Rail Shuttle Service between Port Newark and the Raritan Center Industrial Park in Edison, New Jersey

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**The Benefits of the Raritan Express Corridor**

Much like the highly successful Alameda Corridor in Southern California, the Raritan Express Corridor will quickly and safely move dockside international containers off-site to an existing intermodal and logistics center during non-peak times. This will benefit the entire Port Authority of New York/New Jersey region by removing as many as 200 overweight containers from public roads on a daily basis (and eliminating expensive and time consuming permitting procedures), increasing on-dock container throughput, reducing highway and terminal congestion, and reducing diesel emissions in and around the waterfront areas. The operation will also allow the Port Authority to remove on-dock warehousing space and convert that space into the larger container grounding areas needed when handling today’s modern vessels.

Shippers will also benefit from the Raritan Express Corridor. The Raritan Center Industrial Park’s extensive selection of on-site services will offer shippers multiple logistics options in one single location. These services include customized transloading/warehousing/distribution/packaging, and the ability to transfer from container to railcar. Customers requiring additional services or space will be able to utilize the Heller Industrial Park, also located in Edison and served by the Raritan Central. Once a shipment of goods is ready for delivery, direct access to I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike), I-287, and Routes 1, 9, 440 and 514 will ensure rapid and safe distribution to a wider marketplace. The entire operation will also benefit from on-site police and fire facilities scheduled for construction adjacent to the terminal location in early 2006. With these public services on site, no other intermodal facility will be able to match the level of protection and quick response time that will exist at Raritan Center.
What our locations can offer shippers

Raritan Center Industrial Park
- 2,350 acres
- 14-million sq. ft. warehousing and distribution space
- Highway access: I-95 (NJ Turnpike), I-287; Routes 440, 514, 1 and 9
- 330 companies; 32 Fortune 500 companies including FedEx, FedEx Ground, UPS, TNT Logistics, Eagle Global Logistics, GE, NFI/NDC, BASF

Heller Industrial Park
- 700 acres
- 7 million sq.ft. warehousing and distribution space
- Highway access: I-95 (NJ Turnpike), I-287; Routes 440, 514, 1 and 9

Route of the Raritan Express Corridor from Port Newark to Edison, New Jersey.

Future Growth and Economic Development

The Raritan Express Corridor will be the first step toward the larger goal of creating a complete, single-site, multi-modal complex. Included in this goal will be the construction of Raritan Central Railway’s own port with on-dock rail, Port Raritan. Port Raritan will provide direct access to and from vessels and will allow containers to be reloaded dockside onto smaller vessels for short sea shipping to other ports such as Albany, Norfolk, or even the Raritan Central’s own port in Fall River, MA. Also included in the multi-modal complex plans will be a domestic intermodal terminal, further expanding the reach of the NY/NJ port district to the interior United States.

By realizing the first step, the Raritan Express Corridor, major shippers will come to identify the Raritan Center Industrial Park and Raritan Central Railway as the ideal location to situate their business or distribution center. This will help in the overall economic growth of the area, and more specifically, provide the infrastructure for future growth within the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
An Introduction to the Raritan Central

The Raritan Central Railway is an industry leader in switching terminal railway operations. For over seven years we have provided customers with personalized services that fulfill the most demanding transportation needs. Our specialties include just-in-time switching, transloading, warehousing and storage-in-transit. Our operations in New Jersey are conveniently located within the largest consumer marketplace in the world – the greater New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. Close proximity to major interstates allows us to serve the entire Northeast Corridor – Washington, D.C. to Boston.

At our railroad, quality is our focus. We provide superior customer service by constantly improving the quality of our infrastructure. Our level of service to the customer is unequaled by larger carriers. We are committed to making a positive impact on the local economies where we operate our railroads. We recruit new businesses and help existing businesses expand. At the Raritan Central operation we are proud to report that we have increased our business by over 300%. Our diversified customer base includes food-grade warehouses, plastic manufacturers, chemical companies and building product distributors.