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## **PLAINFIELD WELCOMES TRANSIT VILLAGE DESIGNATION FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Plainfield, NJ – March 28, 2014** – Mayor Adrian Mapp today welcomed the news that Plainfield has been accepted as the 28<sup>th</sup> New Jersey municipality to participate in the Transit Village program, which partners the city with several state agencies to help implement mixed-use development and Complete Streets accommodations near transit facilities.

“We believe that the Transit Village designation will greatly advance Plainfield’s continued revitalization,” said Mayor Mapp. “The Transit Village status, in conjunction with the one-seat ride to New York City, will help us promote the mixed-use development that has already begun in our downtown.”

Mapp noted that Plainfield is the only municipality on the Raritan Valley Line with two train stations. Additionally, Plainfield has seven bus routes through the community.

“A transit village furthers the revitalization of the downtown area by providing land uses that generate train ridership and enhance economic activity,” Mapp said.

Mapp said that the City has worked with the Transit Village task force, a group of ten state agencies, since 2011 to earn the designation.

“The process began even earlier, when Plainfield worked with the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2010 to develop a transit-oriented development project report,” he said. “The report outlined specific recommendations for the areas near the Plainfield train station with the goal of encouraging new mixed-use development.”

There are 13 transit-supportive projects currently being built, planned or contemplated within the Transit Village District. The projects include mixed-use (commercial and residential), straight commercial, and straight residential, including 218 apartments and 32,000 square feet of retail. The proposed redevelopment is a mixture of new and rehabbed construction.

“Many people have dedicated a great deal of energy to developing a vision for Plainfield,” Mapp concluded. “The transit village designation gives us the ability to make our vision a reality.”

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