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## *intransition is Back*

**T**he North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and New Jersey Institute of

Technology are pleased to once again publish this twice-a-year magazine for the national transportation community. In keeping with the 12 issues published from 1997 to 2004, it aims to deliver coverage of contemporary transportation issues in a way that interests and informs a broad range of readers. Along with compelling stories, we aim to provide useful accounts of ongoing research that specialists might not have run across elsewhere.

Articles in this issue touch on themes we expect to address frequently in the future. One is the role of transportation in safety and security—as seen in our cover story on evacuating the elderly and disabled, which draws on the often-tragic lessons of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

Other recurring themes include the economic benefits and land use impacts of transportation investments. This issue features stories on Location-Efficient Mortgages (also known as Transportation Credit Mortgages) and transit-oriented development. We’ll also highlight new technologies with economic benefits—like the “Smart Pipes” featured in this issue.

Another key area we’ll be covering

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is the role transportation plays in shaping the life of communities. The first in a planned series of articles on “Great Streets” around the nation focuses on Main Street in Stoughton, Wis. And at the back of each issue, we’ll offer a selection of summaries of research underway around the nation, many of them related to featured articles.

Supplementing the printed magazine is the *InTransition* website at [www.intransitionmag.org](http://www.intransitionmag.org). There you’ll find the text of most articles,

references and bibliographies and additional resources. On the website you can also subscribe to the magazine—subscriptions are free of charge for now—and manage your subscription.

This magazine is still very much a work in progress. We welcome your thoughts on what you liked and what you didn’t and what you’d like to see in future issues. We’d also welcome your contributions of provocative and timely articles.

In reviving the magazine we are grateful to the previous editor, Arlene Horowitz, who, prior to her retire-

ment, created a vision for the magazine and set a high editorial standard which we intend to continue. We are also thankful to our federal funding partners—the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration—for supporting this effort. We hope the magazine will be a lively and informative resource for the national transportation community.

—*The Editors*

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