

## **NEW JERSEY AVIATION POLICY FORUM: *Issues, Challenges and Solutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

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The Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center will host New Jersey's first statewide forum on aviation policy on April 16, 2008 at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in New Brunswick. The event is free and open to the public; to attend, please RSVP to: **[vtc@policy.rutgers.edu](mailto:vtc@policy.rutgers.edu)**

New Jersey is served by some of the most congested airports in the country. Both Newark Liberty International Airport and Philadelphia International Airport consistently rank among the nation's most congested airports, with on-time arrival rates less than 75 percent. Yet the demand for air travel is increasing. How will that demand be met? Will passengers face increased delays as airports reach their operating limitations?

The objective of the forum is to discuss important issues facing those involved in air transportation today – policymakers, planners, and passengers. Forum presenters will offer their views and suggest solutions to the problems of increasing congestion and demand for air travel, including the expanded use of airports that are underutilized today.

The forum is targeted toward state and local transportation planners and policymakers, engineering firms, airport managers, and others with an interest in the future of air travel in New Jersey.

The forum will include remarks and presentations by industry leaders, and federal and state officials. New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Kris Kolluri has been invited to present the Keynote Address. Manny Weiss, the FAA's Eastern Regional Administrator, will provide a federal perspective and Arlene Feldman, president of the New Jersey Aviation Association, will present the industry's perspective. The forum will also include a panel discussion involving representatives from regional planning agencies.

The event will conclude with a reception hosted by Clough Harbor & Associates and L. Robert Kimball & Associates.