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MICHAEL MANZELLA BEGINS WORK AS ASBURY PARK TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

New position focuses on roadway and transportation policies and programs

12/2/16, Asbury Park, NJ – Michael Manzella is two weeks into his role as Asbury Park’s first Transportation Manager, stepping into a newly-created position in the City’s Department of Planning and Redevelopment. As Transportation Manager, his position includes overseeing parking, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and more.

“I’m focused on the safety of residents, and in accommodating visitors to the City and its businesses,” Manzella said. “I’m interested in facilitating a positive business and economic development climate while focusing on all areas of the city in terms of transportation improvements, accessibility, and mobility.”

“Asbury Park may not be a large city, but the transportation issues it faces deserve the full-time attention of a knowledgeable professional,” Mayor John Moor said. “Myself and the City Council are confident that Mr. Manzella will be able to find strategies and solutions for Asbury Park’s pressing transportation concerns.”

“I have a lot of ideas for ways to improve transportation for the whole City, and the biggest issue right now is the parking experience,” Manzella said. “That’s my first priority, especially increasing parking availability in the downtown and waterfront area, and particularly during the peak seasonal period. Improving the overall experience and ease of use of the parking system— that’s been stressed to me by residents, visitors, and the City Council.”

Manzella has an undergraduate degree in engineering management from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken and a graduate degree in city and regional planning with a focus on transportation policy and planning from Rutgers University’s Bloustein School in New Brunswick. He has worked in the aerospace industry, and spent the past three years as a Senior Transportation Planner with the Middletown-based engineering firm T&M Associates.

A Monmouth County native, Manzella grew up in Keansburg and attended Communications High School in Wall. He now lives in downtown Asbury Park.

“I’m really passionate about the direction of the city and its people,” Manzella said. “I’m committed to Asbury Park, and I care about this community. My doors are always open, and I welcome any recommendations or suggestions.”

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