Assessing the Vulnerability New Jersey's Transportation Infrastructure to the Impacts of Climate Change



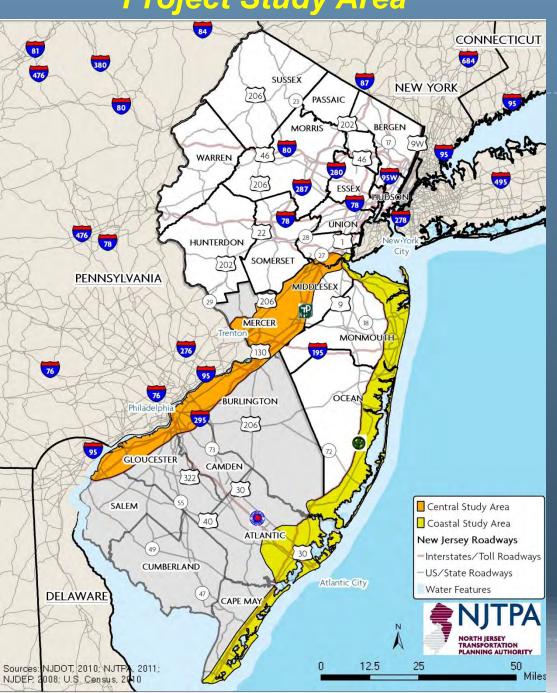




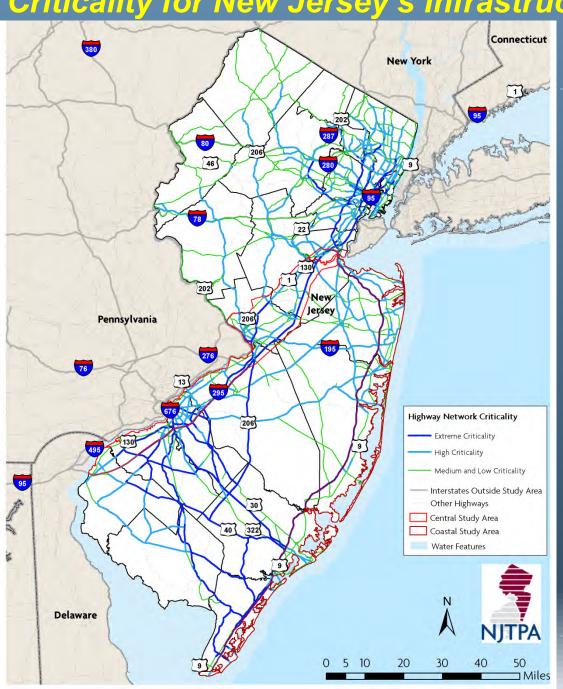




Project Study Area



Ranking Criticality for New Jersey's Infrastructure



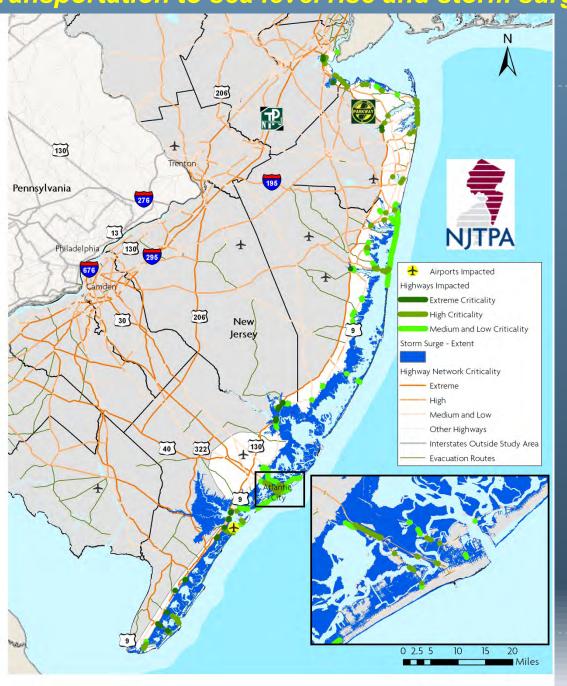
Critical Transportation Infrastructure



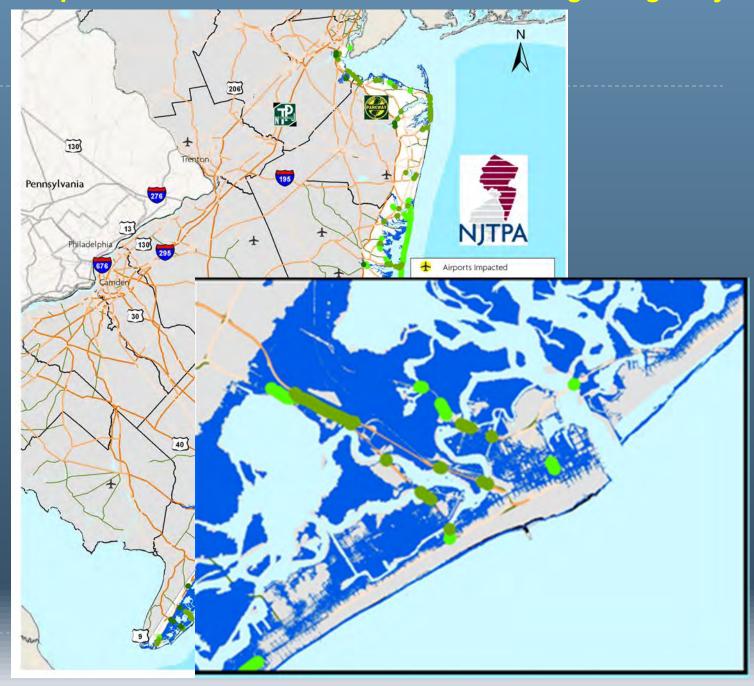
Determining Climate Impacts – Coastal and Inland Study Areas

- > Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Impacts
- > Temperature and Precipitation
- > Inland flooding impacts

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Climate Change Projections – select stations and emissions scenarios

Baseline and Projected for Select Stations from Average Grids

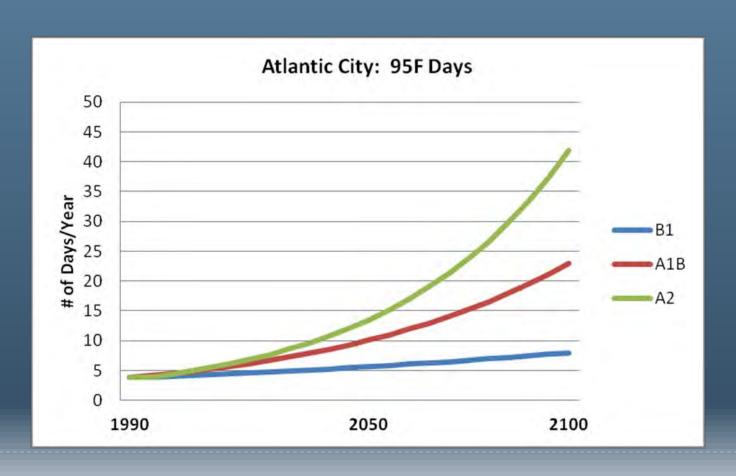
	Precipit	ation (in)	Avg. Max Temp (F)		Avg. Min Temp (F)	
Station Name	Baseline	A1B 2100	Baseline	A1B 2100	Baseline	A1B 2100)
NEW BRUNSWICK 3 SE	48.7	52.8	62.78	69.44	42.8	49.28
ATLANTIC CITY INTL AP	41.7	45.3	63.14	69.62	44.42	50.54

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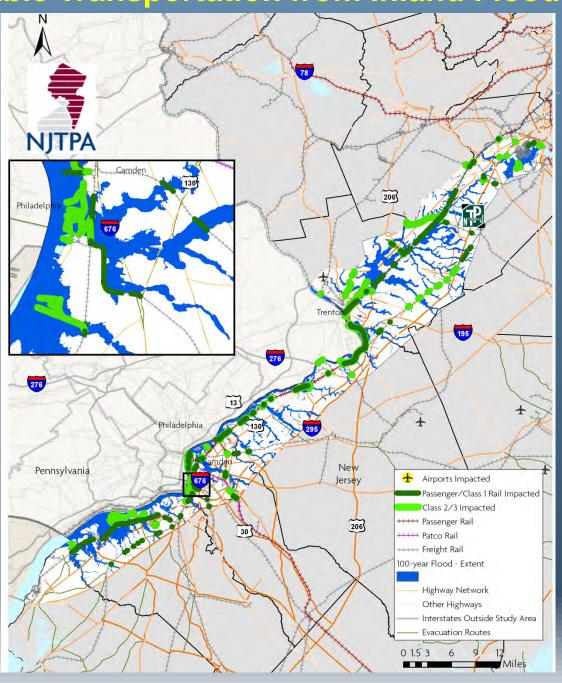
	Days above 95F		Consec. dry days		Frost days		Days of <20F	
Station Name	Baseline	A1B 2100	Baseline	A1B 2100	Baseline	A1B 2100	Baseline	A1B 2100
MOORESTOWN	7.2	33.2	16	18	90	51	25.1	10.9
ATLANTIC CITY								
INTL AP	3.8	22.9	22	20	100	60	31.3	14.5

Climate Extremes: Average Annual 95F Days

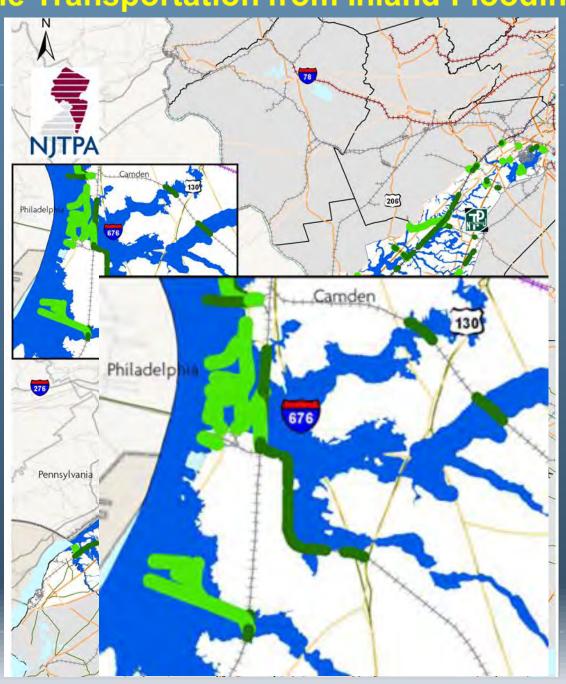
- EXAMPLE: Atlantic City International Airport climate station
 - » based on daily maximum temperatures over the 1971-2000 baseline period



Vulnerable Transportation from Inland Flooding - Rail



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Identifying Adaptation Options

- □ Manage/Maintain
- □ Protect/Harden
- □ Develop Redundancy
- □ Relocate/Abandon



Route 287 in Morris County – Northbound shoulder washed away by floodwaters from Hurricane Irene

Data Challenges and Next Steps

- > Important challenges and barriers:
 - > Transportation infrastructure and operations data availability
 - GIS data on infrastructure redundancy
 - Data processing capability (multi-terabyte climate data)
- Resources needed for future analyses:
 - Unified network data (had to stitch three TAZ structures and run new highway skims)
 - Better data on weather-related system interruptions (rudimentary data available)
- Comparison of Adaptation Strategies (Relative Effectiveness)
- Implementation Roadmap

