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RR 1423-
Survey # 2-19

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAILROAD STATION SURVEY

1. IDENTIFICATION

- A. Name: Common Morris Plains Station Line: Hoboken Division - Morristown
Historic (D L & W)
- B. Address or location:
Speedwell Avenue (Rt. 202) County: Morris
Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 Municipality: Morris Plains Borough
Block & lot: part of 101 / 4
- C. Owner's name: NJ Transit
Address: Newark, N.J.
- D. Location of legal description: Recorder of Deeds, Morris County
Courthouse, Morristown, N.J. 07960
- E. Representation in existing surveys: (give number, category, etc.,
as appropriate)

HABS _____ HAER _____ ELRR Improvement _____ NY&LB Improvement _____

Plainfield Corridor _____ NR(name, if HD) _____

NJSR (name, if HD) _____

NJHSI (#) _____

Northeast Corridor _____

Local _____ (date _____)

Modernization Study: site plan X floor plan X aerial photo _____

other views X photos of NR quality? X

2. EVALUATION

- A. Determination of eligibility: SHPO comment? _____ (date _____)
NR det.? _____ (date _____)
- B. Potentially eligible for NR: yes X possible _____ no _____
individual _____ thematic X
- C. Survey Evaluation: 120/145 points
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FACILITY NAME: Morris Plains

3. DESCRIPTION--COMPLEX IN GENERAL

Describe the entire railroad complex at this site; mention all buildings and structures, with notation of which are not historic. Check items which apply and discuss in narrative:

- Moved buildings (original location, date of and reason for move)
- Any non-railroad uses in complex (military recruiting, etc.) magazine rack in Waiting Room
- Any unusual railroad building types, such as crew quarters, etc. (specify)
- Known threats to complex or individual structures

- Surroundings: urban suburban scattered buildings open space
 residential woodland agricultural industrial
 downtown commercial highway commercial other (specify)

- Relationship of station grade to track grade:
 Station and track grade at same level Station at street grade, track depressed
 Station spans track Track elevated above street grade, multi-level station

- # of tracks: 2
 Pedestrian access across tracks:
 Pedestrian bridge: at street grade elevated
 Pedestrian/vehicular bridge: at street grade elevated
 Tunnel
 None provided

Discuss character of vehicular and pedestrian approaches to complex; landscaping; relationship to parking. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

The Morris Plains complex consists of a one-story red brick station in Renaissance Revival style, a similar shelter and freight house (not owned by NJT), a concrete pedestrian tunnel beneath the tracks and platforms on either side. Tracks are aligned generally N-S. The complex is located E of a small commercial district along Speedwell Avenue. There are small parking lots E of the shelter (1), W of the station (2) at the end of a short axial drive from Speedwell Avenue, and S and W of the freight house (3). Pedestrians may approach the platform from either lot (1) or (2), or via stairs (D) (E) at Littleton Road. The station and shelter area is well landscaped.

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3. DESCRIPTION--PLATFORMS AND CANOPIES

- Inbound 612' asphalt platform, edged with MV lamps on poles. No canopy
- Outbound 612' asphalt platform, edged with MV lamps on poles. No canopy.
- Between tracks

Nature and extent of existing original material and alterations: roof type, material, supports; freestanding or attached to building; seating; lighting; signage; other.

Originally the platform was probably edged with incandescent fixtures on iron poles.

The underpass, built of poured concrete, has ceiling mounted MV fixtures. These, no doubt, replaced the original incandescent fixtures.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR)

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station X Shelter Freight House Other (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Morris Plains Station, located W of the tracks, consists of a 1-story red brick block with a hipped roof, its ridge paralleling the tracks. The last bays on the N and S are open, supported at the corners by L-shaped brick columns. There is a small rectangular projection on the E facade with (2) doubled 6-pane casement windows on the E and single 6-pane windows on the N and S. Above the projection is a small eyelid dormer with possibly 3 windows (boarded). Flanking the projection on the S are a doubled 6-pane casement window and a door; on the N, a freight door. The W facade contains a freight door and (2) small paired 6-pane windows on the N half, and a large paired 6-pane window and a door on the S half. There are (2) paired 4-pane windows on both the N and S facades. A square brick chimney with concrete corbeling rises from the W side of the ridge. The S open bay shelters the W stairs to the underpass and is edged with an iron balustrade. Copper gutters have been replaced by aluminum. Roofing is Spanish tile. Most materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility.

Station X Shelter Freight House Other (specify)

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Structural system:	<u>bearing wall/frame roof</u>	
Foundation:	<u>poured concrete</u>	
Base course:	<u>vertical stretchers/poured concrete</u>	
Walls:	<u>red brick, Flemish bond</u>	
Trim:	<u>concrete sills, brick voussoirs, exposed rafter ends</u>	
Doors:	<u>(2) 6/2 panel with sidelight, 3-pane and round arch transom - 5-pane (2) 4/1 panel (doubled)</u>	
Roofing:	<u>Spanish tile, ridge cresting(green)</u>	
Soffit:	<u>matched boards (varn.)</u>	
Windows:	<u>(6) 6-pane casement (doubled in round arch surrounds); (2) 6-pane round arch; (4) 4-pane casement (doubled)</u>	
Lighting:	<u>incan. fixtures</u>	<u>(6) MV soffit attached</u>
Signage:	<u>board (black with gold type) (N,E,S)</u>	
Drainage:	<u>copper gutters</u>	<u>alum. gutters & downspouts</u>
Other:	<u>iron balustrade around tunnel entry</u>	

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR)

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Station X Shelter _____ Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description of all spaces, including original materials and finishes, if known, any remodeling, etc.

The Morris Plains Station is all on one level. The Waiting Room (1) comprises the S half of the building. From the middle of the N wall a short hall leads to the Baggage Room (5) which comprises the N fourth of the building. Flanking the hall on the W are the Men's and Ladies Rooms (3) (4) and a built-in phone booth (not accessible). To the E of the hall is the Ticket Office (2) with a ticket window to the waiting room on its S wall. Stairs to the basement are located in the SE corner of the Baggage Room. Waiting Room and rest rooms have similar terrazzo floors, ceramic wainscots, and plaster walls and ceilings. The Ticket Office has board floors and wainscot. With the exception of a few lighting fixtures, original materials are intact (see finish schedules which follow). Most plaster surfaces have been repainted.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 6

NAME Waiting Room

NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN 1

Original

Existing, if different

Floors: terrazzo (tan)
tile border (tan)

Base: ceramic tile (orange)

Wainscot: ceramic tile (yellow)

Walls: plaster paint (cream)

Ceiling: plaster (coved) paint (cream)

Trim: wood molded chairrail, sills, surrounds (stain)

Doors: (2) 6/2 panel with sidelights and round arch transom (stain)

Seating: built-in matched board benches (W & S walls)
radiator under seat (stain)
radiator behind seat

Lighting: hanging incandescent fixtures (2) ceiling attached fluorescent fixtures

Other: marble fountain (N. wall)
marble sills under ticket window
under fountain (N wall)

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 6NAME HallNUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: terrazzo (tan)Base: ceramic tile (orange)Wainscot: ceramic tile (yellow)Walls: plasterpaint
(cream)Ceiling: plasterpaint
(cream)Trim: wood molded chairrail (stained)Doors: (3) (2/2) panel (stain); (1) 4/1 panel
with single-pane transom
(1) 6/2 panelSeating: noneLighting: hanging incandescent fixtureceiling attached fluorescent
fixtureOther: iron radiator (E wall)

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STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE		NUMBER OF ROOMS <u>6</u>
NAME <u>Ticket Office</u>		NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN <u>2</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors:	<u>board</u>	
Base:	<u>board (varnished)</u>	
Wainscot:	<u>vertical matched boards (varnished)</u>	
Walls:	<u>plaster</u>	<u>paint (beige)</u>
Ceiling:	<u>plaster</u>	<u>paint (beige)</u>
Trim:	<u>wood molded chairrail, sills, surrounds (varn.)</u>	
Doors:	<u>(2) panel (varn.)</u>	
Seating:	<u>none</u>	
Lighting:	<u>1 hanging incandescent fixture with circular metal shade (formerly 2)</u>	<u>ceiling attached fluorescent fixture</u>
Other:	<u>wood counter under ticket window built-in cabinets (N wall) built-in desk under window (E wall) iron radiator (W wall)</u>	

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 6NAME Men's RoomNUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN 3OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: terrazzo (tan)Base: ceramic tile (white)Wainscot: ceramic tile (white)Walls: plasterpaint
(beige)Ceiling: plasterpaint
(beige)Trim: wood molded door frame (stain)Doors: (2/2) panel (stain); 2 panel (stall)Seating: noneLighting: 1 hanging incandescent fixtureOther: iron radiator (N wall)
marble partitionsnew toilet

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STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF ROOMS 6NAME Ladies' RoomNUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN 4OriginalExisting, if differentFloors: terrazzo (tan) _____Base: ceramic tile (white) _____Wainscot: ceramic tile (white) _____Walls: plaster _____
paint
(beige)Ceiling: plaster _____
paint
(beige)Trim: wood molded door frame (stain) _____
marble sillDoors: (2/2) panel (stain) _____Seating: none _____Lighting: (1) hanging incandescent fixture _____Other: marble partition _____
iron radiator (S wall)
toilet and basin

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER OF ROOMS
NAME <u>Baggage Room</u>	<u>6</u>
	NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN <u>5</u>
	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors: <u>Original</u> <u>poured concrete</u>	
Base: <u>none</u>	
Wainscot: <u>none</u>	
Walls: <u>brick, mod. English bond (ext.)</u> <u>vert. matched boards (int.) poss. varn.</u>	<u>paint</u> <u>(cream/green)</u> <u>(cream/green)</u>
Ceiling: <u>plaster</u>	
Trim: <u>brick, headers, triple course</u> <u>voussoirs</u>	
Doors: <u>6/2 panel, poss. varnish</u>	<u>paint</u> <u>(cream/green)</u>
Seating: <u>none</u>	
Lighting: <u>2 hanging incandescent fixtures with</u> <u>circular metal shades</u>	
Other: <u>attic entry with board ladder</u> <u>basement entry with pipe rail (SE corner)</u> <u>Fairbanks scale in center</u>	

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

STATION - ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE	NUMBER OF ROOMS <u>6</u>
NAME <u>Basement</u>	NUMBER ON FLOOR PLAN _____
<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors: <u>poured concrete</u>	_____
Base: _____	_____
Wainscot: _____	_____
Walls: <u>poured concrete</u>	_____
Ceiling: <u>poured concrete</u>	_____
Trim: _____	_____
Doors: <u>vertical matched boards</u>	_____
Seating: _____	_____
Lighting: <u>2 ceiling attached incandescent bulbs</u>	_____
Other: <u>board partition to coal bin</u>	<u>boiler, fuel tanks</u>

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Station _____ Shelter Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Morris Plains shelter, located E of the tracks, consists of a 1-story red brick block, 3 bays wide and 1 deep, with a hipped roof, its main ridge paralleling the tracks. The W facade contains a central round arch entrance opening flanked on either side by paired 6-pane casements (boarded). The E facade contains (3) similar windows, while the N and S facades each contain 1. On the S side of the lower E facade is a square arch entry leading to a landing in the E stairs of the underpass. Roofing is Spanish tile. Most materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

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Station _____ Shelter X Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Structural system:	<u>bearing wall/frame roof</u>	
Foundation:	<u>poured concrete</u>	
Base course:	<u>verti. stretchers/poured concrete</u>	
Walls:	<u>red brick, Flemish bond</u>	
Trim:	<u>concrete sills, brick voussoirs, exposed rafter ends</u>	
Doors:	<u>wood (boarded)</u>	
Roofing:	<u>Spanish tile, ridge cresting</u>	
Soffit:	<u>matched boards (varnished)</u>	
Windows:	<u>(7) 6-pane casements paired (boarded)</u>	
Lighting:	<u>incandescent fixtures</u>	<u>(1) MV fix. over W entry</u>
Signage:	<u>none</u>	
Drainage:	<u>copper gutters</u>	<u>metal gutters</u>
Other:	<u>shed roof canopy (copper) with wood brackets over E entry</u>	

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Station _____ Shelter Freight House _____ Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description of all spaces, including original materials and finishes, if known, any remodeling, etc.

The Morris Plains shelter is on 2 levels. The S half of the building houses the E stairs to the underpass and has a landing at the level of the parking lot (1), ca. 6' below track level. Materials in the stairwell are identical to those of the exterior. The N half of the building consists of a waiting room, its door on the S wall (boarded).

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (INTERIOR) CONTD.

Fill out separate sheet for each additional structure in complex. Refer to, and key with, site plan.

Shelter X Freight House Other (specify)

INTERIOR FINISH SCHEDULE NOT ACCESSIBLE

Number of rooms:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors:	_____	_____
Base:	_____	_____
Wainscot:	_____	_____
Walls:	_____	_____
Ceiling:	_____	_____
Trim:	_____	_____
Doors:	_____	_____
Seating:	_____	_____
Lighting:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____

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Account for original materials and finishes where different from existing.

Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House X Other _____ (specify)

General architectural description, including style, shape, roof type, # stories, # bays, orientation to track, location of entrances, etc.

The Morris Plains Freight House, located W of the tracks and N of the station, consists of a 1-story ~~red brick~~ block, 4 bays wide and 1 deep, with a hipped roof, its main ridge paralleling the tracks. All openings have round arch surrounds. The E facade contains (2) paired 4-pane casements on the S and a double 6/1 panel freight door and paired 4-pane casements on the N. The W facade is nearly identical, but reversed. The N facade contains a freight door, while the S facade is blank. There are 4 soffit attached incandescent lighting fixtures. Roofing is Spanish tile. Most materials appear original.

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4. DESCRIPTION - BUILDINGS (EXTERIOR) CONTD.

Fill out separate sheet for each building at facility.

Station _____ Shelter _____ Freight House X Other _____ (specify)

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Structural system:	<u>bearing wall/frame roof</u>	_____
Foundation:	<u>poured concrete</u>	_____
Base course:	<u>vert. stretchers/poured concrete</u>	_____
Walls:	<u>red brick, Flemish bond</u>	_____
Trim:	<u>concrete sills, brick voussoirs, exposed rafter ends</u>	_____
Doors:	<u>(3) 6-panel (doubled)</u>	<u>paint (red/white)</u>
Roofing:	<u>Spanish tile (green)</u>	_____
Soffit:	_____	_____
Windows:	<u>(6) 4-pane paired casement</u>	_____
Lighting:	<u>4 soffit attached incandescent fixtures</u>	_____
Signage:	<u>none</u>	_____
Drainage:	<u>none</u>	_____
Other:	_____	_____

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Fill out separate sheet for each additional structure in complex.
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Shelter _____ Freight House Other _____ (specify)

INTERIOR FINISH SCHEDULE NOT ACCESSIBLE

Number of rooms:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Existing, if different</u>
Floors:	_____	_____
Base:	_____	_____
Wainscot:	_____	_____
Walls:	_____	_____
Ceiling:	_____	_____
Trim:	_____	_____
Doors:	_____	_____
Seating:	_____	_____
Lighting:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____

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5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect Frank J. Nies or his /^{staff} source plans

Date 1915-1916 Source DL&W Alteration dates _____ Source _____

Style Renaissance Revival

# passenger trains/day (present)	<u>69 in 1980</u>	Peak (#, Yr.)	<u>69 in 1980</u>
<u>Original station on site</u>			<u>54 in 1940</u>
			<u>22 in 1901</u>

The Morris Plains Station is a good example of the Renaissance Revival style adapted to the functions of a modern combination station. The complex was designed "in house" by the DL & W staff and is similar in form and materials to other stations on the line including Orange, Highland Avenue, Mountain, Convent, Morristown, and Short Hills and Chatham.

Since the Second World War, the area around Morris Plains has grown appreciably, resulting in greater numbers of commuters. Until the recent growth of suburbs, Morris Plains served as the "sign-in" station board for crews beginning their runs at the nearby coach storage yard.

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6. GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Verbal boundary description (if Block/Lot not available)

Boundaries are outlined in the site plan.

Acreage: c. 1.5-2 acres

UTM coordinates: Zone: 18 / Easting: 5 4 3 9 4 0 / Northing: 4 5 1 9 6 3 0
USGS Quad Morristown Scale 1:24,000

7. REFERENCES

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1899-1960, 1900, p. 99.
(ca. 1916)

8. PHOTO

Negative index # 1021 or NJT photo # - slide # 2-19
Date 1978 Photographer Richard Browne Assocs.
Loc. of negative NJ Transit Direction of view: Station from South

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9. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

A. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- i. Associated with important events or broad movements in history
 - nationally _____(30)
 - state-wide _____(25)
 - locally _____(20)
- ii. Representative of significant changes in railroad history and/or technology
 - rare _____(30)
 - unusual _____(25)
 - common _____(10)
- iii. Original station on site _____(15)
- iv. Representative of a line's standard design _____(10)
- v. Constructed prior to 1900 _____(15)
- vi. Junction station _____(10)
- vii. Former long-distance service _____(10)
- viii. Other Sign-in station for crews X (10)
- ix. Less than 50 years old _____(-30)

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B. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

- i. STYLE Renaissance Revival
 - a. Example of a particular architectural style (check one)
 - Outstanding _____(50)
 - Excellent _____(40)
 - Very good _____(30)
 - Good X (20)
 - Fair _____(10)
 - b. Rare survivor of style
 - nationally _____(20)
 - state-wide _____(15)
 - locally _____(10)
 - c. As example of railroad architecture
 - rare _____(30)
 - unusual or early _____(15)

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CRITERIA CONT.

- ii. ARCHITECT (check one)
- a. building by architect important
- nationally _____ (25)
state-wide _____ (20)
locally _____ (15)
- b. building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the supervising architect or engineer or chief designer _____ (20)
- c. building designed by railroad and is known or appears to be the work of the staff X (5)
- d. architect identified but not considered to be of special importance _____ (5)
- iii. OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY (check one)
- a. Outstanding composition, siting, or craftsmanship _____ (40)
- b. Notable composition, siting, or craftsmanship, or possessing especially picturesque or unusual exterior detailing _____ (25)
- c. Possessing some detail(s) of particular interest and/or quality X (15) siting, composition
- d. Average quality or interest _____ (5)
- iv. SPECIAL QUALITIES
- a. Noteworthy overall interior design or detailing _____ (15)
- b. Some noteworthy interior detailing _____ (5)
(_____ interior not accessible)
- c. Part of cohesive complex
- 1) station and shelter _____ (5)
2) more than two buildings X (10)
- v. CONSTRUCTION
- a. Noteworthy example of particular construction method _____ (30)
- b. Rare or early survivor of particular method _____ (20)
- c. Interesting example of method _____ (5)

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CRITERIA CONT.

C. CONDITIONS

i. INTEGRITY

- | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| a. Original condition | <u> X </u> (40) | new lighting, |
| b. Alterations and/or additions,
beneficial | <u> </u> (30) | drainage |
| c. Alterations and/or additions, not
detrimental | <u> </u> (20) | |
| d. Minor detrimental alterations and/
or additions, not affecting overall
integrity | <u> </u> (10) | |
| e. Detrimental alterations and/or
additions, reversible at considerable
expense | <u> </u> (-25) | |
| f. Detrimental alterations and/or additions,
essentially irreversible | <u> </u> (-75) | |

ii. PHYSICAL CONDITION

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Excellent | <u> </u> (10) |
| b. Good | <u> X </u> (5) |
| c. Fair | <u> </u> (0) |
| d. Poor | <u> </u> (-10) |
| e. Severely deteriorated | <u> </u> (-25) |

iii. RELATIONSHIP TO COMMUNITY

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Pivotal building | <u> </u> (40) |
| b. Integral part of townscape | <u> </u> (30) |
| c. Compatible with townscape | <u> X </u> (20) |
| d. Unrelated to townscape | <u> </u> (0) |
| e. Incompatible | <u> </u> (-30) |

iv. SUITABILITY FOR ADAPTIVE USE

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Excellent | <u> </u> (30) |
| b. Very Good | <u> </u> (25) |
| c. Good | <u> X </u> (20) |
| d. Average | <u> </u> (15) |
| e. Possible, with difficulty | <u> </u> (10) |

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TOTAL

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Attach copy of site plan

 continuation sheets attachedFORM PREPARED BY: Richard Meyer

Date: August 1981

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PARKING LOT # 3
(74 CARS)

LITTLETON ROAD

FRANKLIN PL

STAIR 'D'

STAIR 'E'

PARKING LOT # 1
(73 CARS)

SHELTER

UNDERPASS TRACK
CROSSING

STATION
BUILDING

PARKING LOT # 2
(95 CARS)

INBOUND PLATFORM
(612' x 111'-6")

OUTBOUND PLATFORM
(612' x 111')

INTER-TRACK
BARRIER

EDWIN ST.

SPEEDWELL
AVE

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COVER



MORRIS PLAINS
MORRISTOWN LINE

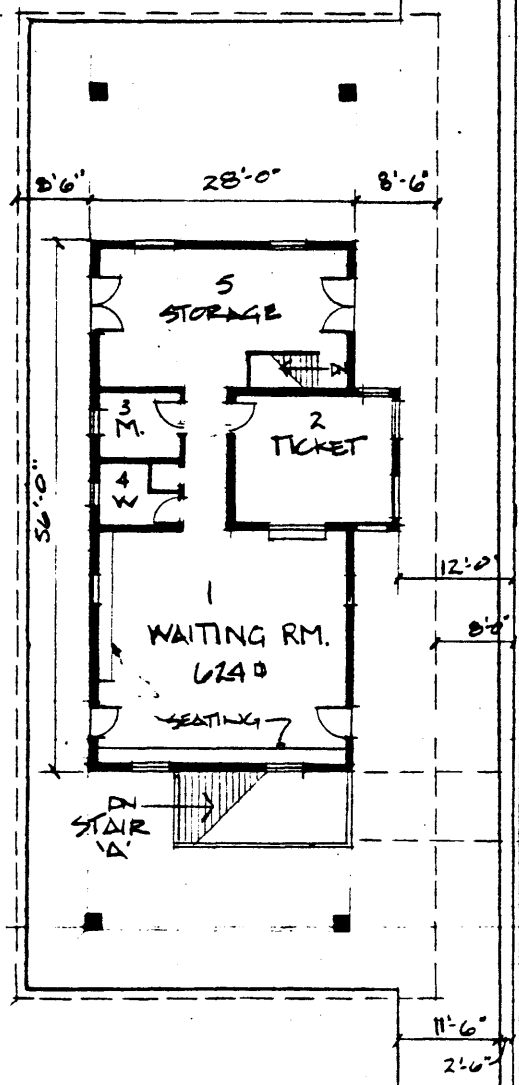
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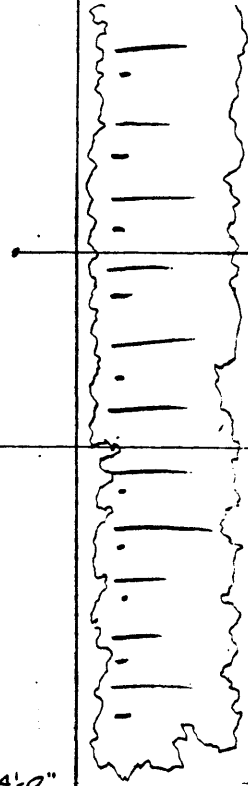
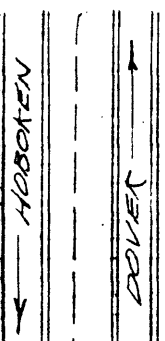


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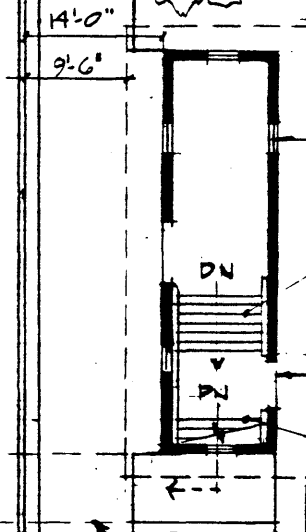
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1630 SF.



INTER-TRACK BARRIER



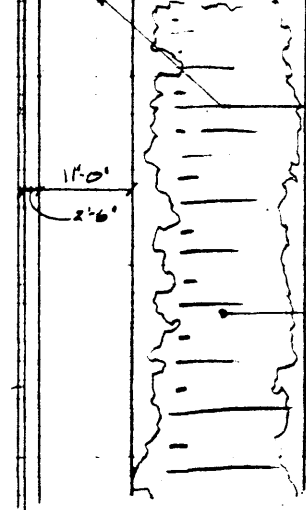
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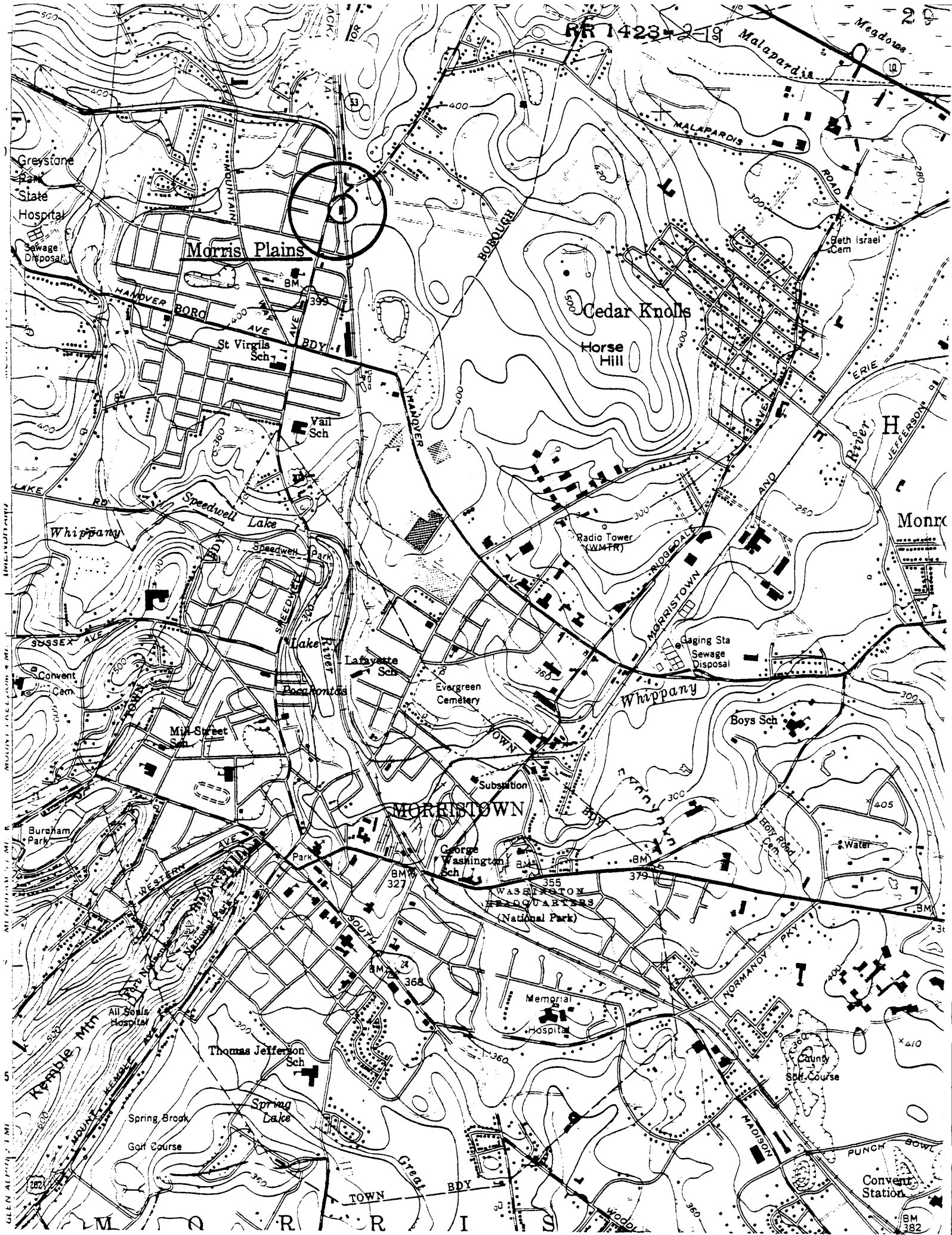
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MORRIS PLAINS
MORRISTOWN LINE

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IMPAVED HIGHWAYS
UNIMPAVED HIGHWAYS
RAILROADS
MOUNTAIN, HILLS, VALLEYS, CANYONS, & MTS.
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GLEN ALPINE, 1 MI.
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RR 1423-219 Malapardis Meadows

Greystone
State
Hospital
Sewage
Disposal

Morris Plains

Cedar Knolls
Horse Hill

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St Virgils
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Vail
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Radio Tower
(WMMR)

Monro

Whippany

Speedwell
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Lafayette
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Evergreen
Cemetery

Whippany

Boys Sch

MORRISTOWN

Substation

George
Washington
Sch

WASHINGTON
HEADQUARTERS
(National Park)

Burham
Park

Miss Street
Sch

Rockmont
Sch

Water

Memorial
Hospital

County
Sof Course

All Souls
Hospital

Thomas Jefferson
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Spring Brook
Golf Course

Spring
Lake

Convent
Station

TOWN

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2-19 Morris Plains Railroad Station (Taber, 20th, p. 99)



second track was added at Morris Plains in 1902-3, but it was not until 1915 that the community received a new station. This view was taken in February 1915 looking west, just prior to the start of the grade separating work.



The tracks at Morris Plains were elevated several feet. There was sufficient room for the roads to be depressed under the tracks. As with Convent, Morris Plains also received a small freight house which in this photo has a box car spotted near it. This view looks west.

SUMMARY

Station: Morris Plains

Line: Morristown

Surveyed September, 1978

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| <u>X</u> | 1. Site Base at 1" = 100' |
| <u>X</u> | 2. Floor Plan at 1" = 20' |
| <u>X</u> | 3. Platform and Canopies |
| <u>X</u> | 4. Station Building _____ Structural _____ Mech. & Elec. |
| <u>X</u> | 5. Track Crossings and Barriers |
| <u>X</u> | 6. Parking Access and Circulation |
| <u>X</u> | 7. Information System |
| <u>X</u> | 8. Notes on Community & Security Aspects |
| <u>X</u> | 9. Record Photograph of Station <u>X</u> Detailed Field Photographs |

Information File:

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| <u>X</u> | Aerial Photograph at 1" = 200' |
| <u>X</u> | Station Location Plan from USGS maps or Hagstrom Maps |
| <u>X</u> | Proposed Taking Lines of 900 Day Option Station Parcels |
| <u>X</u> | Summer 1970 Ground Survey of Rail Parking - NJ DOT |
| <u>X</u> | September 1974 Survey - NJ DOT (Dept. of Commuter Services) |
| _____ | Tri-State Aerial Photo Survey of Rail Parking 1970 |
| _____ | Conrail Data Survey for Station |
| <u>X</u> | TOPICS or Traffic Improvements Planned in Station Area |
| _____ | Community Renewal Plans for Station |
| _____ | Historical File for Station |
| <u>X</u> | Schedule of Trains and Buses |
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Conrail Count May 1977 - All Day (Week Day) Boarding Passengers 655

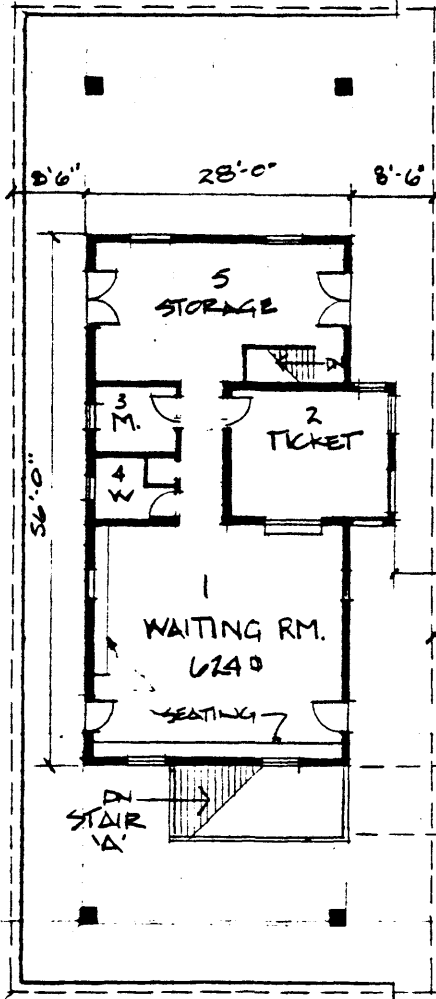
Station Ridership Category: 3 Ownership: N.J.D.O.T.

Agent: Yes Hrs/Days: 6:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday

Rehabilitated (10 years or less) & Description:

PLATFORM

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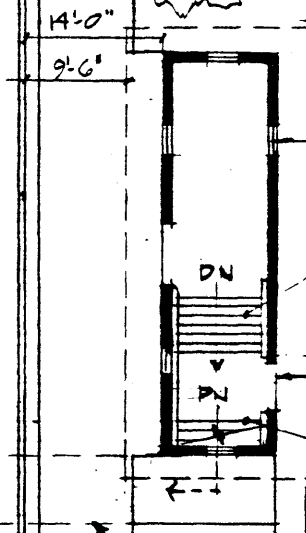


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MORRIS PLAINS
MORRISTOWN LINE

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3 PLATFORMS & CANOPIES

Station: MORRIS PLAINS

NO. of TRACKS: In-Bound (NY, H, N)* 1 / Out-Bound 1 / By-Pass _____ / Inactive _____ / I.B. _____ / O.B. _____
 At Grade _____ / In-Cut(Walls) ✓ / Cross Slope _____ / Elevated ? / Embankment _____ / Structure _____
 Straight ✓ / Curved _____ / Visibility Problem _____ / Yes 1 / NO
 To Board must Commuter walk on tracks: _____ yes _____ no (Ask Ticket Agent). Note other obstructions on Platform & setback f/rail:

PLATFORMS

	IN-BOUND SIDE	OUT-BOUND SIDE	ISLAND BET'N TRACK																				
Length X Width	<u>612' x 11'6"</u>	<u>612' x 11'</u>	_____ X _____																				
Height Above Top of Rail	<u>5"</u>	<u>5"</u>	_____																				
Platform Material	<u>ASPHALT</u>	<u>ASPHALT</u>	_____																				
Edge Material	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>	_____																				
Safety Line, Material	<u>(yes/no) WHITE STRIPE</u>	<u>(yes/no) WHITE STRIPE</u>	yes/no _____																				
Guardrail (Locate)	yes/ <u>(no)</u>	yes/ <u>(no)</u>	yes/no _____																				
In-cut/Retaining Walls	_____	_____	_____																				
Lighting - Type, O.C., Setback f/rail	<u>H.P.V., 12' HIGH, 100' O.C.</u>	<u>H.P.V., 12' HIGH, 100' O.C.</u>	_____																				
Seating-Mat'l & Qty.	_____	_____	_____																				
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CONDITION/LOCATION - (platform, lighting, stairs, guardrails, retaining walls. Note apparent poor conditions only)

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CANOPY/OVERHANG

	IN-BOUND SIDE	OUT-BOUND SIDE	ISLAND BET'N TRACK
Length x Width	_____ X _____	_____ X _____	_____ X _____
Height (Lowest)	_____	_____	_____
Setback from Rail	_____	_____	_____
Structure w/Spacing	_____	_____	_____
Setback-Rail to Support	_____	_____	_____
Deck Material	_____	_____	_____
Roofing	_____	_____	_____
Shape	<u>Slope / Gable / Flat</u>	_____	_____
Drainage	_____	_____	_____
Lighting	_____	_____	_____

CONDITION (Note apparent poor conditions only):

*See Instructions

Continue on back of page _____

4 STATION BUILDING ✓

SHELTER (UNDERPASS)

STATION: MORRIS PLAINS

In-Bound (NY, H, N) In-Use Out-Bound In-Use ; Number of Levels 1 I.B. O.B.
 Relation of Main to Track (under, over, level) Relation of Entry to Street LEVEL I.B. O.B.
 Roof Overhang - width: 8' 6" Location: (refer to Floor Plan
 Interior and Entry Stairs, Ramps, escalators, elevators: (Note vertical rise; locate (refer to Floor Plan & label for cross-reference):
 a) width 1-6" RISE vertical rise _____ b) width _____ vertical rise _____
 c) width INTS OLD'S vertical rise _____ d) width _____ vertical rise _____

EXTERIOR MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS:

Foundation CONCRETE Doors WOOD
 Base Course CONCRETE (photo) _____ Roof Deck WOOD
 Walls BRICK Roofing SPANISH TILE
 Trim WOOD Soffit TONGUE IN GROOVE
 Windows - operable - yes / no; WOOD & GLASS
 Structural System (consultant) BRICK WALL, WOOD CROSS BEAM

Drainage ALUMINUM GUTTERS AND LEADERS

INTERIOR ROOM AND FINISH SCHEDULE: (Locate on Floor Plan)

Space*	Floor	Base	W/Cot	Walls	Ceiling	Ceiling Hgt.	Lighting
1. Waiting Room <u>624</u> S.F.	<u>TERAZ</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>12'</u>	<u>INCAND.</u>
2. Ticket Office	<u>WOOD</u>	<u>WOOD</u>	<u>WOOD & G</u>	<u>PLASTER</u>	<u>PLASTER</u>	<u>10' 6"</u>	<u>INCAND.</u>
3. Mens Toilet	<u>TERAZ.</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>11'</u>	<u>INCAND.</u>
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<u>STORAGE</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>PAINT</u>	<u>BRK & WD.</u>	<u>PLASTER</u>	<u>12'</u>	<u>INCAND.</u>
<u>HALL</u>	<u>TERAZ.</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>CER.TILE</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>STUCCO</u>	<u>11'</u>	<u>INCAND.</u>

- A. Concessions and Businesses: Taxi Other: Newspaper stand/coin box ~~Pay Toilet~~ Vending Machines
- B. Waiting Room Seating: describe (photo): GANG BENCH Capacity 25
- C. Number of Public Phones and Locations: 1 BOOTH OUTSIDE
- D. Indicate Visibility of approaching trains from waiting area, and direction of visibility, I.B. GOOD O.B. GOOD
- E. Describe visibility for surveillance for waiting rooms with and without agents: GOOD
- F. Is passage from the station to platforms sheltered: yes / no (photo description _____).
- G. Are public toilets, telephones and other station conveniences identified: yes / no
- H. Are lockers provided: yes / no; trash receptacles: yes / no, location: waiting room # _____ platform I.B. (NY) # _____, platform O.B. # _____, pick/up areas: _____ (photos)
- I. Mailbox: yes / no MAIL BOX LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM MAIN ENTRANCE TO RAIL STATION.
- J. Water fountain: yes / no; location: _____
- K. Describe other commuter conveniences: _____

OPEN SHELTER - location: I.B. (NY, H, N) _____ O.B. _____ (indicate on site plan or aerial; photos or sketch)
 Size Width _____ Length _____ Height 10'
 Material BRICK
 Base CONCRETE
 Lighting NOVE OUT DOOR HPV INSIDE
 Condition _____

4a STATION BUILDING ✓

SHELTER

STATION: MORRIS PLAINS

Record Photograph _____ 197 _____

CONDITION: *

Exterior (indicate board-up areas; locate elements being described using floor plan/photos)
(Consultant)

Foundations:

Walls/Doors/Windows: DOORS INTO WAITING ROOM NEED REPAIR

Stairs:

Roof/Drainage:

Other PORTALO NEEDS TO BE BIRD-PROOF.

Interior (locate elements by room; photograph poor conditions)

Walls/ Doors/Windows:

NO MAJOR PROBLEMS NOTED

Floor:

Ceiling:

Stairs:

*Note: Indicate apparent poor conditions only, not routine maintenance conditions.
Write informal recommendations, i.e., suggestions for improvements on reverse side.

8 Community & Security Aspects

Station: Morris Plains

1. Describe the setting of the station in terms of the activity in the surrounding area (land use and condition described in section 6). Describe the visibility of the station and site from surrounding areas of streets in terms of security through surveillance. Describe screening and shielding (note #6, page 4) and shadows, nooks and crannies, and other hiding places).

The station is located in the center of Morris Plains, which is a commercial area.

The area is adequately lighted, but the pedestrian underpass is not visible from the street.

The trees and foliage along the platforms provide potential hiding places and cause shadows.

2. Is the station out of the "main stream" of pedestrian/vehicular activity, or is it part of the fabric of life in the community? Do non-commuters walk through the station building or use any part of the station facilities/site to shorten their path to a final destination; to shop; to conduct business such as banking (refer to #4 Station Building/Interior Space _____):

Speedwell Avenue is the main stream of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in Morris Plains, but non-commuter pedestrians do not walk through the station building or site.

3. Vandalism: Graffiti - none / low / medium / high ; location:

Property damage - none / low / medium / high (describe):

Only evident vandalism was a cracked door.

4. Question the ticket agent about vandalism problems.