

The NJTPA and Its Region

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the 13-county northern New Jersey region. The federal government requires each urbanized region of the county to establish an MPO to provide local guidance over the use of federal transportation funding and ensure it is spent cost-effectively to improve mobility, support economic progress and safeguard the environment.

The NJTPA oversees over \$2 billion in transportation investments each year. It analyzes transportation needs, approves proposed projects and provides a forum for interagency cooperation and public input into funding decisions. It also sponsors and conducts studies, assists county planning agencies and monitors compliance with national air quality goals.

The NJTPA Board consists of one elected official from each of the region's 13 counties; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren, and its two largest cities, Newark and Jersey City. The Board also includes a Governor's Representative, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT, the Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, and a Citizens' Representative appointed by the Governor.

NJTPA Board meetings are held bi-monthly, open to the public, and streamed live via the NJTPA website. The meeting schedule can be found at www.njtpa.org.

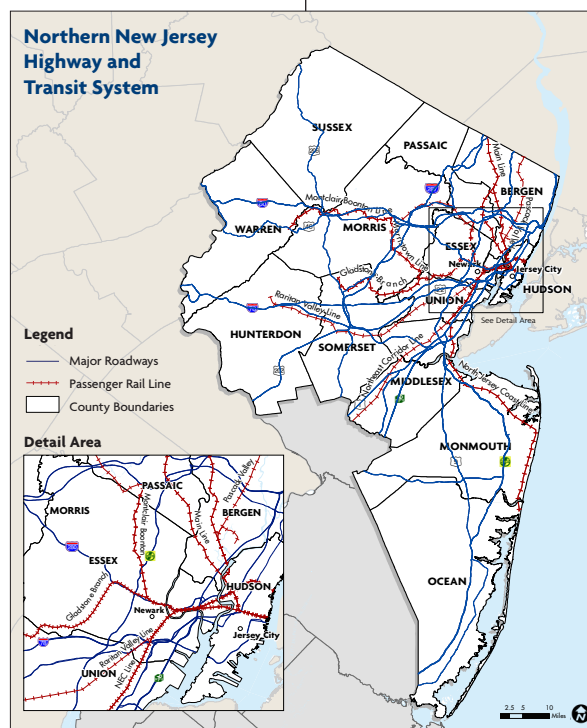
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The NJTPA serves the fourth most populous MPO region in the nation with over 6.7 million people and over

3.1 million payroll jobs. The 13-county region covers 4,200 square miles, half of the state's land area, and includes 384 municipalities. Key features of the regional transportation system serving the region include the following:

- The region is home to 26,000 miles of roads: 2,300 state, 3,700 county, and 20,000 municipal.
- NJ Transit provides some 250 local and express bus routes throughout the region.
- NJ Transit's rail system in the region includes: 10 commuter rail lines with 150 stations and 390 miles of track and 2 light rail lines with 41 stations and 23 miles of track.
- Amtrak provides intercity service from the Newark Penn Station, Newark International Airport, Metropark, and New Brunswick stations on the Northeast Corridor.
- The 14-mile PATH commuter rail service connects Newark, Harrison, Hoboken, and Jersey City with Lower and Midtown Manhattan.
- There are nearly 4,900 bridges in the region.
- Three ferry companies operate 18 routes between New Jersey and New York City from 19 piers.
- The region is home to the largest seaport on the East Coast, which also is the third largest in the US and the twenty-fifth largest in the world.

- The region is also home to Newark Liberty International Airport, which handled over 33 million passengers and nearly 700,000 tons of air cargo in 2015.
- The region has an extensive trucking industry that handles at least 400 million tons traveling by truck, or almost 80% of the 508 million tons traveling through the NJTPA region each year.



Source: NJOIT, 2008; NJ TRANSIT, 2016; NJDOT, 2014; Esri, 2016