



North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

David Antonio, Chair
Andras Holzmann, Vice Chair

AGENDA
June 12, 2023
10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Roll Call
 - II. Approval of Minutes
 - III. Presentation: NJRTM-E Validation – Bob Diogo, Central Staff
 - IV. TMA Report: Road Safety Audits – Cheryl Kastrenakes, GMTMA
 - V. Information Items
 - 1. Demographic and Employment Forecasting – Eugene McGuinness, Central Staff
 - 2. Trail Development Survey Results – Lois Goldman, Central Staff and Debra Kagan, NJ Bike Walk Coalition
 - 3. Upcoming Local Safety Action Plans/FHWA-Resource Center Training – Lois Goldman
 - 4. Update on the Transportation Improvement Program and the Study & Development Program – Ann Ludwig, Central Staff
 - 5. Together North Jersey (TNJ) Initiative Update – Blythe Eaman, Central Staff

6. Report on the June 6th Autonomous Vehicle Symposium – Andy Kaplan, Central Staff

VI. Written Information Items

1. Subregional Pass Through Program Workshop – Justine Recio-Patel and William Long, Central Staff
2. PRIME 2.0 Update – Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff
3. Regional Capital Investment Strategy (RCIS) Refinement and Strategy Effectiveness Project – Keith Miller, Central Staff

VII. Review of Standing Committees Action Items

1. Approval of the Initial Financial Plan for the Portway, Fish House Road/Pennsylvania Avenue, CR 659 Project – Ann Ludwig, Central Staff
2. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Portway, Fish House Road/Pennsylvania Avenue, CR 659 Project in Hudson County as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch, Central Staff
3. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Pavement Preservation, NJTPA Regional Program as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch
4. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Pavement Preservation, Statewide Program as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch
5. Modifications to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to Two Projects as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch
 - Route 23, Route 80 and Route 46 Interchange, Essex and Passaic Counties,
 - Route 35 NB, Bridge over Route 36 NB & GSP Ramp G, Monmouth County
6. Modifications to the FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to Three Programs as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch
 - Restriping Program and Line Reflectivity Management System
 - Bridge Maintenance Fender Replacement
 - Bridge Preventive Maintenance

VIII. Other Items for Discussion

IX. RTAC Teleconference: July 17, 2023 (Tentative)

X. Next Virtual Meeting: August 14, 2023

XI. Adjournment



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VI. Written Information Items

1. Subregional Pass-Through Program Workshop
Justine Recio-Patel and William Long, Central Staff

NJTPA will host a virtual workshop for the Subregional Pass-through Programs on Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Subregions are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions. The event is intended to help subregions understand and prepare for activities in FY 2024.

The workshop will be divided into two parts, one focusing on the Subregional Transportation Planning (STP) program and one on the Subregional Studies Program (SSP). Central Staff program managers will review program requirements and provide an overview of best practices for quarterly reporting, work program development, and more.

The SSP segment will also include a demonstration of the Equity Tool and discussion of mapping issues and strategies for enhancing study branding. **An agenda will be sent out in advance of the workshop.**

For any questions, please reach out to Justine Recio-Patel (jrecio-patel@njtpa.org) or Will Long ().

2. PRIME 2.0 Update
Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff

Initiated in January 2022, this project is enhancing PRIME, the NJTPA's interactive online library of planning findings. The consultant team of Michael Baker International, T&M Associates and Synergy Systems and Services is upgrading the system's mapping, user interface and reporting and streamlining data entry. The software development is now nearing completion. Demonstration of a test version for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is being targeted for early summer. Refinements, documentation and final deployment with on-call user support will continue into the fall and updated training and coordination with RTAC will follow. In the meantime, use of the existing PRIME 1.0 system has continued, with ongoing entry of planning studies by NJTPA, subregional and partner agency staff.

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3. Regional Capital Investment Strategy (RCIS) Refinement and Strategy Effectiveness Project
Keith Miller, Central Staff

This FY23 UPWP project will enhance and provide greater transparency for the RCIS. The consultant selection process has been concluded and a notice to proceed was issued to the selected consultant team (WSP with Urbanomics) on May 31.

Based on a comprehensive review of best practices, the consultant will help the NJTPA improve estimates of the effectiveness of transportation strategies to provide a better connection between investment dollars and transportation outcomes. The consultant will also build on existing NJTPA analyses of historical spending to further refine and clarify RCIS guidelines and target allocations, and develop an interactive web application for communicating, exploring and applying the RCIS.

The consultant selection committee included members from NJTPA and subregional staff, along with NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT. The project will be starting in June and last approximately 10 months. We will be reaching out to RTAC soon to solicit participation on the technical advisory committee and will provide updates to NJTPA committees throughout the project.



Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

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Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

I. Roll call

RTAC Vice Chair Andras Holzmann, Passaic County called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Beverly Morris, Central Staff, called the roll. There were 18 voting members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting was made by Sussex County, seconded by Somerset County and carried with 17 affirmative votes. Middlesex County abstained.

III. Presentation

Elias Guseman, Jersey City, presented an overview of the City's Vision Zero Initiative. He said, like most of the country, Jersey City saw an increase in traffic fatalities in 2021, but recorded no fatalities in 2022, for the first time since 2016. Mr. Guseman called that a validation of the city's Vision Zero efforts to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2026. He said that goal led to an action plan that identified 77 action items to be led by multiple departments, agencies and stakeholders. Since 2019, 50 of those action items have been completed or are in progress. They include: 679 speed bumps, 183 No Turn on Red restrictions, more than 30 active parklets, 19 miles of protected bicycle lanes, and 124 curb extensions. He said another five miles of protected bicycle lanes and 44 more curb extensions are planned.

IV. Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) Report

Avnish Gupta, EZ Ride, highlighted several TMA activities focused on human services transportation initiatives that implement elements of the NJTPA Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. These paratransit services, including arrangements with app-based ride services such as Uber and Lyft to provide a variety of ride options that include trips to employment, medical services, social service appointments, and more. Also, discounts are available to those in need. These efforts are especially beneficial to senior and disabled citizens as well as transportation-disadvantaged riders.

V. Information Items

1. Zoning and Land Use Database

Jeff Perlman, Central Staff, said the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to consider housing in their planning work, and the NJTPA is considering collecting land use and zoning data in keeping with this requirement. Also, he said, part of the NJTPA's long range transportation plan is to better understand the relationships between land use, zoning and housing. Mr. Perlman said the NJTPA will seek to engage RTAC members in this activity.

Rick Cippoletti, Central Staff, said the NJTPA will develop a regionwide zoning and land use database based on municipal and map data to produce a visual tool that evolves as data changes. Mr. Cippoletti said staff members are planning to hold a teleconference to discuss the project with RTAC members in more detail. Peter Kortright, Bergen County, emphasized the need to keep the data current because it involves hundreds of municipalities.

2. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Update

Blythe Eaman, Central Staff, detailed the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) released in March. She said the program provides two funding categories - Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program) and Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). Applications are due May 30. Ms. Eaman said a NOFO from the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program is expected soon.

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, highlighted a NOFO for the Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program, which was released on April 4. Applications are due August 1. Also, Ms. Goldman said the NOFO for the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program was released March 30, and applications are due July 10.

3. FY 2025-2026 Subregional Studies Program (SSP) Solicitation and Pass Through Programs Workshop

William Long, Central Staff, said the SSP solicitation will be released in June, thumbnails will be due in early July, and full proposals in August. He encouraged the subregions to speak with Central staff about their proposal ideas before submitting their thumbnails. He said the previous year's solicitation had been sent to RTAC members for their input for the upcoming solicitation. The deadline for comments is April 12. Mr. Long said an RTAC member whose subregion will not be applying for the SSP will be asked to serve on the Proposal Selection Committee.

Mr. Long said a summer workshop is being planned to discuss the SSP and Subregional Transportation Program. Liza Betz, Union County, suggested that a separate workshop for each program would serve to better inform RTAC members about the various distinct aspects of both. Also, Ms. Betz noted that it would be helpful, prior to any SSP workshop, to get more

clarification about how many months the subregions have to actually work on the projects, which has a direct bearing on scope of work.

4. NJTPA Outreach Liaisons Update – Ted Ritter, Central Staff

Ted Ritter, Central Staff, said the NJTPA’s ongoing innovative public outreach efforts include its pilot outreach liaisons program. The liaisons help tailor outreach strategies to the specific needs of various communities, ethnic or cultural groups, civic organizations, and non-governmental organizations. He said community members with some training and ongoing support from NJTPA staff will conduct public outreach on the agency’s behalf using their established networks and local contacts. There are currently seven outreach liaisons working with the NJTPA in the second year of the two-year pilot program. Mr. Ritter said the Outreach Liaisons program will lay the foundation for the development of the next NJTPA long range transportation plan by talking to communities to identify transportation priorities. He asked RTAC members to let staff know of upcoming community events that might be useful venues where the liaisons can talk to people about transportation issues. More information can be found on the NJTPA website [here](#).

5. Together North Jersey (TNJ) Initiative Update

Blythe Eaman, Central Staff, said the TNJ Initiative is forming an advisory group to provide insights and recommendations that will guide the work of the TNJ consortium and assist with engaging and recruiting external organizations and partners to collaborate on TNJ activities. She said they will contribute to training, technical assistance events, and advising the Vibrant Places Program. Ms. Eaman said the initiative will hold a forum on parklet implementation later in April, where speakers will discuss lessons learned from the past 10 years and provide insights and ideas for future parklets. NJTPA staff will present information on the upcoming Parkland Manual being developed through the Vibrant Places program.

VI. Written Information Items Provided with Agenda Prior to Meeting

1. Autonomous Vehicle Symposium Update – Andy Kaplan, Central Staff
2. FY 2024 Study and Development Program Update – John Witsch, Central Staff
3. Complete Streets Demonstration Library – Peter Bilton, Central Staff

There were no questions or comments on these items.

VII. Review of Standing Committee Action Items

Members of Central Staff briefed the committees on action items slated for consideration at the April 17, joint meeting of the Project Prioritization Committee and Planning and Economic Development Committee.

Project Prioritization Committee

1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funding for the Portal North Bridge Project as Requested by NJ TRANSIT – John Witsch, Central Staff
2. Minor Amendments to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds for Two Projects in Morris County as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – John Witsch
 - Route 80/15 Interchange Project
 - Route 80, Bridges over Howard Boulevard (CR 515) Project
3. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Transfer NJTPA Carbon Reduction Program Funds to NJ TRANSIT’s Transit Enhancements Program as Requested by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and NJ TRANSIT – Ann Ludwig, Central Staff
4. Approval of Projects for the 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program – Sascha Frimpong
5. Approval of the 2022 Financial Plan Update for the Route 80, 15 Interchange Project – Ann Ludwig

Planning and Economic Development Committee

6. Support for Pavement, Bridge, Travel Time Reliability, and Freight Performance Measure Targets Set by New Jersey Department of Transportation – Keith Miller, Central Staff

VIII. RTAC Teleconference – May 15, 2023 (tentative)

IX. Next Virtual Meeting: June 12, 2023

X. Adjournment

At 11:55 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Somerset County, seconded by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ), and carried unanimously.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
Attendance
April 10, 2023

Voting Members	
Andras Holzmann (Vice Chair)	Passaic County
Chris Helms	Bergen County
Tom Malavasi	Hudson County
Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon County
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
Linda Weber	Middlesex County
Joseph Ettore	Monmouth County
Dede Murray	Morris County
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Liza Betz	Union County
David Dech	Warren County
Dorian Smith	Governor's Authorities Unit
Andrew Clark	NJDOT
Megan Massey	NJ TRANSIT
Jay Shuffield	PANYNJ
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative
Other Attendees	
Dan Callas	Avenues in Motion
Peter Kortright	Bergen County
Jack Kanarek	Dewberry
Avnish Gupta	EZ Ride
Tara Shepherd	goHunterdon
Bob Werkmeister	GPI
Luis Delgado	Hudson TMA
Mike Manzella	Jersey City
Charles Burton	LeFrak
Mike Dannemiller	Middlesex County
Andrew Lappitt	Middlesex County
Michael Popovech	Monmouth County
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA
Donna Allison	RideWise
Ryan Conklin	Warren County
Ann Marie Fitzgerald	
T. Fitzgerald	
James Humphries	

Bruce Hain	
Tod Davies	
Matt Larkin	

