



PROJECT PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner John P. Kelly – Chair
Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski – Vice Chair

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Charles Kenny – Chair
Commissioner Susan Soloway – Vice Chair

Joint Meeting Minutes June 21, 2022

I. Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Union County, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Beverly Morris, Central Staff, called the roll. Twelve members of the Project Prioritization Committee (PPC) and 11 members of the Planning and Economic Development Committee (PEDC) were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 meeting was made by Morris County, seconded by Hudson County, and carried with 16 affirmative votes. Middlesex and Passaic counties abstained.

III. Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Update

RTAC Chair Mark Jehnke, Ocean County, reported on the activities at the June RTAC meeting. He said the committee heard presentations about two Subregional Studies that are nearing completion. Elias Guseman, Jersey City, presented the Jersey City on the Move study; and Andras Holtzman, Passaic County, presented the Bike Passaic County project. Also at the meeting, members of Central Staff provided information on the Subregional Pass-Through Program, Performance Measure Target Development, and Together North Jersey activities. The Committee was also briefed on the five action items on the joint committee meeting agenda.

IV. Project Prioritization Committee Action Items

1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add the Bayonne Commuter Ferry Pier and Dock Improvements Project as Requested by the City of Bayonne

Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff, said the City of Bayonne received a Federal Transit Administration Passenger Ferry Grant in the amount of \$657,000 for ferry and dock improvements. The City requests that these funds be added\ to the TIP. Non-federal funds will be provided by the City using Urban Enterprise Zone and Special Improvement District funds, along with developer contributions.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Hudson County, seconded by Warren County, and carried unanimously.

2. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add 29 Projects as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Ms. Chamberlain said, based on current project schedules and cost estimates in conjunction with the proposed 2023 Transportation Capital Program, NJDOT is requesting the addition of 29 projects. Fiscal constraint for these projects is provided by resources in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The list of projects was included in the agenda package for this meeting.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by NJDOT, seconded by Monmouth County, and carried unanimously.

3. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funding to the Pavement Preservation Program as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Ms. Chamberlain said the request is for the addition of \$50.07 million of National Highway Performance Program funds in federal Fiscal Year 2022 for five Pavement Preservation Program projects in eight counties in the region. Fiscal constraint is maintained with funds available from previous NJTPA TIP actions.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by NJDOT, seconded by Union County, and carried unanimously.

4. Minor Amendments to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to Three Projects as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Ms. Chamberlain said, based on current project schedules and cost estimates in conjunction with the proposed FY 2023 Transportation Capital Program, NJDOT has requested the addition of federal funds for the following projects:

- Route 4, Hackensack River Bridge, Bergen County (\$185.2 million)
- Route 202/206, over Branch of Peter's Brook, Culvert Replacement at Mile Post 27.96, Somerset County (\$9.5 million)
- Route 15, Bridge over Paulins Kill, Sussex County (\$8.450 million - funding source will change from NHPP to the Bridge Formula Program)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by NJDOT, seconded by Bergen County, and carried unanimously.

5. Modification to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Funds to the Bridge Street Bridge over the Passaic River as Requested by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

Ms. Chamberlain said the modification adds the Preliminary Engineering phase of work in FY 2022 with funds available from the NJTPA Future Projects program line item. The Design phase will move from FY 2023 to FY 2024, and Right-of-Way phase will move from FY 2025 to FY 2026. The modification also adds \$2.5 million in federal funds for FY 2022 for Preliminary Engineering.

A motion to approve the modification was made by Hunterdon County, seconded by Sussex County, and carried unanimously.

V. Information Items

1. Performance Measure Target Development

Keith Miller, Central Staff, said federally required targets are being developed for four groups of national performance measures.

- Statewide roadway safety targets for 2023 – measures include fatalities, serious injuries, and non-motorized fatalities plus serious injuries. NJDOT is developing these targets and will report them to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by August 31, 2022. The NJTPA Board can either support the statewide targets or set its own by February 27, 2023.
- Traffic congestion targets – the Board will be asked to adopt these NJDOT targets in September. The NJTPA must submit its Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Plan to NJDOT, which will forward it to FHWA, by October 1.
- Emissions reductions (NJTPA region and statewide) – based on the evaluation of programmed CMAQ projects, measures include on-road mobile source emissions reductions from CMAQ projects, including fine particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and ozone precursors. The Board will be asked to adopt the targets in September, and NJDOT will submit statewide reports to FHWA by October 1.
- Infrastructure condition, travel time reliability and freight targets – NJDOT is developing these statewide targets and will submit reports to FHWA by October 1. The NJTPA Board can either support the statewide targets or set its own by March 30, 2023.

2. Trans-Hudson Update

David Behrend, Central Staff, said the Regional Plan Association (RPA) released a report, entitled “Gateway and Post-COVID Economy – Scenarios for Future Growth and Trans-Hudson Travel,” an examination of potential trans-Hudson commutation considering the changes wrought by the pandemic. The report’s headline is, “Transit trips across the Hudson River will continue to grow beyond the region’s current capacity. Without the infrastructure to meet this demand, the region’s economic growth and sustainability are in jeopardy.” Results of the analysis show that the Hudson River Tunnel project and the Gateway Program are vital to the future of the region, as the NJTPA states in Plan 2050. The report is available at the [RPA’s website](#).

Mr. Behrend noted that Jersey City is looking to expand trans-Hudson ferry service. The City Council recently announced its plans to purchase the Porte Liberte ferry terminal. Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop has said that the city would take an active role in subsidizing rates, aiming to increase ridership and expand access to the terminal for residents in the Greenville and West Side neighborhoods.

3. Federal Policy Update

Mr. Behrend said the US Department of Transportation is issuing new opportunities for funding under the IIJA including.

- Formula Carbon Reduction Program
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- The new Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program
- A Pilot program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning to provide competitive grants funds through the Federal Transit Administration
- Bridge Investment Program

Also, the White House released a Technical Assistance Guide for Infrastructure Resources.

Mr. Behrend urged the subregions to share these opportunities with municipal governments where appropriate and to notify the NJTPA of any applications for IIJA-related funding so the agency can provide letters of support, assistance with data, and guidance. ([NJTPA IIJA Resources/Updates website](#))

VI. Next Virtual Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

VII. Adjournment

At 11:17 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by the Governor’s Authorities Unit, seconded by Morris County, and carried unanimously.

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE
June 21, 2022**

Project Prioritization Committee

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. Bette Jane Kowalski (Vice Chair)	Union County
Hon. Susan Soloway	Hunterdon County
Hon. John Bartlett	Passaic County
Hon. Chris Carney	Sussex County
Hon. Jason Sarnoski	Warren County
Joseph Baladi	Bergen County
Byron Nicholas	Hudson County
Inkyung Englehart	Monmouth County
John Ernst	Ocean County
Jeffry Nielsen	Governor's Authorities Unit
Andy Swords	NJDOT
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative

Planning and Economic Development Committee

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. Susan Soloway (Vice Chair)	Hunterdon County
Hon. Katherine DeFillippo	Morris County
Hon. John Bartlett	Passaic County
Hon. Sara Sooy	Somerset County
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
Doug Greenfeld	Middlesex County
Phillip Scott	City of Newark
Jeffry Nielsen	Governor's Authorities Unit
Andy Swords	NJDOT
Jay Shuffield	PANYNJ
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative

Also in Attendance	
Christopher Paige	Andy Cushman
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Jack Kanarek	Dewberry
Bob Werkmeister	GPI
Tom Malavasi	Hudson County

Carrie Fellows	Hunterdon County
Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon County
Kris Melchers	Hunterdon County
Charles Burton	LeFrak
David Schmetterer	Monmouth County
John Hayes	Morris County
Dede Murray	Morris County
Michael Swan	NJ TRANSIT
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA
Adam Camerlengo	Northern Valley Greenway
Mark Jehnke	Ocean County
Andras Holzmann	Passaic County
Andy Cushman	Passaic County
Walt Lane	Somerset County
Ken Wedeen	Somerset Cuntly
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Liza Betz	Union County
David Dech	Warren County
Ryan Conklin	Warren County
Jasmine Grossmann	