



North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Mark Jehnke, Chair
Barkha Patel, Vice Chair

AGENDA
February 10, 2020
10:30 AM

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- I. Roll Call
 - II. Approval of Minutes
 - III. Presentation: New Jersey Trails: Building Networks – Elizabeth Sewell, Trail Development Manager, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
 - IV. Information Items
 1. TMA Report
 2. Transit Friendly Planning, Land Use and Development Survey – Megan Massey, NJ TRANSIT
 3. CMAQ Solicitation for Spring 2020 (TCAMs and Local Mobility) – Liz DeRuchie and Peter Bilton, Central Staff
 4. Kickoff of Accessibility and Mobility Strategy Synthesis – Eugene McGuinness, Central Staff
 5. Travel Modeling NJTPA Web Series – Bob Diogo, Central Staff
 6. Draft FY 2021 UPWP Update – Angel Young, Central Staff
 7. TNJ Update – Jeff Perlman, Central Staff
 8. UpNext Update – Ted Ritter, Central Staff
 - V. Written Information Items
 1. ESRI Training – Gabrielle Fausel, Central Staff
 2. Coordination on NJ TRANSIT Public Transit Agency Safety Plan – Keith Miller, Central Staff
 - VI. Review of Standing Committee Action Items

Project Prioritization Committee

1. FY 2021 Freight Concept Development Program Studies – Jakub Rowinski, Central Staff
2. Four Minor Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff
3. Modifications to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Route 206, Valley Road to Brown Avenue Project as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Eve Chamberlain

4. 2019 Financial Plan Update for the Route 3/Route 46, Valley Road and Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Project – Ann Ludwig, Central Staff
5. 2019 Financial Plan Update for the Route 72 Manahawkin Bay Bridges Project – Ann Ludwig
6. 2019 Financial Plan Update for the Route 206 Project in Somerset County – Ann Ludwig

Planning and Economic Development Committee

7. Approval of the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Angel Young, Central Staff

VII. RTAC Teleconference: March 16, 2020 (Tentative)

VIII. Other

IX. Next Meeting: April 13, 2020

X. Adjournment



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REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

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Meeting Agenda

Written Information Items

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V. Written Information Items

1. NJTPA Annual ESRI Training

Gabrielle Fausel, Central Staff

The NJTPA will be offering the following Esri courses this year:

- Creating and Editing with Data with ArcGIS Pro (2 days)
- Spatial Analysis with ArcGIS Pro (3 days)
- Field Data Collection and Management using ArcGIS (2 days)
- Creating Maps and Visualizations with ArcGIS (3 days)

At present, staff is working with Esri to schedule dates for each training with the intent to have the first course begin at the end of March. Once the dates have been confirmed, course registration will begin. As always, course registration will be on a first come, first served basis with a limit of 12 attendees per course. If there are any questions regarding Esri training, please contact Gabrielle Fausel (gfausel@njtpa.org).

2. Coordination on NJ TRANSIT Public Transit Agency Safety Plan

Keith Miller, Central Staff

Central Staff met with NJ TRANSIT and the other New Jersey Metropolitan Planning Organizations on January 10 to discuss the federally required Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), which includes safety performance measures and targets for NJ TRANSIT bus and light rail. (Note that the NJ TRANSIT PTASP will not cover rail transit, nor is a PTASP required for PATH, because those transit modes are overseen by the Federal Railroad Administration.)

This plan is anticipated to be finalized by July 2020, after which NJTPA will have 180 days to either support NJ TRANSIT's system-wide targets or set specific numeric targets for the NJTPA region. The required transit safety performance measures include, for each transit mode, the number and rate (per total vehicle revenue miles) of reportable fatalities, reportable injuries, and safety events, as well as the mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode.

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Minutes
December 2, 2019
10:30 AM

I. Roll Call

Ted Ritter, Central Staff, called the roll, and 11 voting members were present

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting was made by Union County, seconded by Somerset County and carried.

III. Presentation: NJ 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, said NJDOT was originally scheduled to present this topic to RTAC, but the presentation would be rescheduled. She said NJDOT is leading the update effort with consultant support in coordination with other agencies and outside groups and stakeholders. As part of the update, a Safety Summit was held on November 15 and another is scheduled for January 21.

Ms. Goldman said there are some positive trends in safety in the state, including a decrease in fatalities in the past year. One question that must be addressed is setting targets for the plan. The 2015 plan set targets at reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 2.5 percent per year. The 2020 plan could continue this target or set a more aggressive one. She said this required balancing the need to improve safety with realistic standards.

Ms. Goldman said resources and opportunities to sign-up for updates about the plan are on the SHSP website: SafeRoadsforAllNJ.com

Barkha Patel, Jersey City, said she is serving on the steering committee for the plan update and offered to convey any issues or concerns of RTAC members to the committee.

IV. Information Items

1. Transportation Management Association (TMA) Report

Tara Shepherd, goHunterdon, reported that the TMAs finalized and submitted their FY 2021 work programs and continue to work with municipalities to plan and conduct Street Smart campaigns throughout the region. Among the towns involved have been Atlantic City, Cherry Hill, Elizabeth, Linden, Lambertville, Clinton, Raritan, Bernardsville, Bayonne and Madison. Ms. Shepherd said TMAs are also involved in a variety of efforts to enhance transportation for seniors, low-income individuals,

veterans and individuals with disabilities, in keeping with the regional Coordinated Human Services Plan. In addition, TMAs are working with the New Jersey Department of Labor on preparing to implement a new state law requiring companies with 20 or more employees to provide transit benefits. In response to a question, she said the law was approved in March and administrative guidance on implementing the new law will be issued in 2020.

2. County Bridge Data Verification Request

Keith Miller, Central Staff, said one of the background papers being prepared for the update of the NJTPA long-range transportation plan focuses on assets at the county and local level. He said the NJTPA distributed a request for review and comment on bridge data to each subregion. He asked that this be provided by December 5.

3. Follow-up from November 19 Congestion Management Process Workshop

Eugene McGuinness, Central Staff, said the workshop was held as a forerunner to the consultant-supported Accessibility and Mobility Strategy Synthesis study. Subregions discussed transportation needs and constraints in the multimodal transportation network for various modes including walking, biking, transit, road and freight. They also described equity and planning issues. Results from the workshop will be distributed to RTAC. Findings from the workshop will also inform the update of the NJTPA's long-range transportation plan. For those who did not attend the workshop, Mr. McGuinness said NJTPA staff will be available to assist individual subregions with gathering input on local and regional needs.

4. Together North Jersey (TNJ) 2.0 Update

Jeffrey Perlman, Central Staff, said the TNJ Training Institute held a workshop on roundabouts on November 7. Audio and slides from that event are available on the TNJ website. On December 5 another workshop will be held on neighborhood empowerment building on the strategies of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, which was the subject of a previous workshop.

Mr. Perlman said the TNJ Local Technical Assistance Program selection committee reviewed proposals and awarded technical support to two municipalities: the City of Hackensack will receive technical assistance in a place-making project for Demarest Place and the Borough of Bound Brook will receive technical assistance to develop a wayfinding plan for their downtown.

Ms. Patel suggested that, as a follow-up to the roundabouts workshop, TNJ report on any towns that are implementing the roundabouts. She also suggested a workshop on smaller emergency vehicles designed to work well on narrower streets such as those with bike lanes.

5. Cost Tracking System Update

Kaitlynn Davis, Central Staff, announced that the Cost-Tracking System used by the subregions and TMAs will be updated during 2020. She said existing users will be contacted for feedback as the update proceeds.

6. Development of Draft FY 2021 UPWP

Angel Young, Central Staff, said the draft of the FY 2021 UPWP will be posted and distributed by December 6. She requested comments on the document by January 11 for inclusion in the final draft UPWP, which will be presented to the standing committees in February and to the Board for approval in March. She noted that some tasks in the document have been reorganized and streamlined. Ms. Young referred the committee to the printed slides she distributed for more information.

Blythe Eaman said a solicitation for the Subregional Studies Program was issued in June, and staff received proposals, conducted interviews and held a meeting of the Proposal Selection Committee, which recommended two studies for inclusion in Chapter II of the FY 2021 UPWP: the Jersey City Alternative Transportation Modes Assessment study and the Bike Passaic County study. Ms. Eaman said five studies from the previous program cycle continue in FY 2021 in Hudson, Monmouth, Somerset, Union and Warren counties.

Peter Bilton, Central Staff, said the FY 2021 TMA work program (Chapter III of the UPWP) is the same as last year. It includes two optional program activities: Street Smart pedestrian safety campaign activities and efforts to implement recommendations of the Human Services Plan.

Ms. Patel asked about the mapping of bikeways and pedestrian roadway crossings to be included in the draft UPWP. Sascha Frimpong, Central Staff, responded that this was an initial effort to identify these crossings as a basis for possible funding for improvements under the Local Safety Program.

V. Review of Standing Committee Action Items

Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff, briefed the Committee on the following Project Prioritization Committee action items on the December 9 joint committee meeting agenda:

1. Approval of a Minor Amendment to the FY 2020-FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add North Plainfield Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements, Somerset County
2. Approval of a Minor Amendment to the FY 2020-FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Fifth Avenue Bridge (aka Fair Lawn Avenue Bridge) over Passaic River Project in Passaic County

In response to a question, Ms. Chamberlain said that the second project has proceeded through the federal development process, including concept development. In response to another question, Dave Behrend, Central Staff, clarified that the Surface Transportation Block Grant program being used for the project was essentially the same as the previous federal Surface Transportation Program, only renamed.

VI. RTAC Teleconference: January 20, 2020 (Tentative)

VII. Next Meeting: February 10, 2020

VIII. Adjournment

At 11:30 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Union County, seconded by Somerset and carried unanimously.

**Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
December 2, 2019
Attendance**

NAME	AFFILIATION
Barkha Patel (Vice Chair	Jersey City
Chris Helms	Bergen County
Byron Nicholas	Hudson County
Adam Bradford	Hunterdon County
Inkyung Englehart	Monmouth County
John Hayes	Morris County
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Brian Leckie	NJDOT
Jay Shuffield	PANYNJ
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Liza Betz	Union County
Other Attendees	
Anna Aleynick	AECOM
Peter Kortwright	Bergen County
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
Farukh Ijaz	Kimley-Horn
Gerald Rohsler	Morris County
Frank Scarantino	Mott MacDonald
Jim Vari	NJDOT
Andras Holzmann	Somerset County