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Freeholder John P. Kelly, Chair
Freeholder Sara Sooy, Vice Chair

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE

Freeholder John W. Bartlett, Chair
Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Vice Chair

April 20, 2020

10:30 AM

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- I. Roll Call
 - II. Approval of Minutes
 - III. Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Report – Mark Jehnke, Ocean County
 - IV. Action Items - Project Prioritization Committee
 - 1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Downtown Toms River Loop Road Project in Ocean County - Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff (Attachment PPC-1)
 - 2. Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Laurel Avenue, NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line Bridge Project in Monmouth County - Eve Chamberlain (Attachment PPC-2)
 - 3. Minor Amendment the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Rumson Road Over the Shrewsbury River (CR 520) Project, Eve Chamberlain (Attachment PPC-3)
 - 4. Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Riverbank Park Bike Trail Project as Requested by the Town of Kearny - Eve Chamberlain (Attachment PPC-4)
 - V. Information Items
 - 1. Trans-Hudson Update – Dave Behrend, Central Staff
 - 2. Federal Policy Update – Dave Behrend

VI. Written Information Items

1. Report on CMP Working Group – Eugene McGuinness – Central Staff
2. Update on PRIME Use – Jeff Vernick, Central Staff
3. Plan 2050 Update – Lois Goldman, Central Staff
4. CMAQ Solicitation (TCAMs and LMI) - Liz DeRuchie and Peter Bilton – Central Staff
5. Tech Tools for Planning – Gabrielle Fausel, Central Staff
6. Complete Streets Technical Assistance – Peter Bilton
7. TNJ Update – Jeff Perlman, Central Staff

VII. Other Items

VIII. Next Meeting: June 15, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

IX. Adjournment



North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

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Joint Meeting Agenda

Written Information Items

April 20, 2020
10:30 AM

VI. Written Information Items

1. Report on CMP Working Group

Eugene McGuinness – Central Staff

On March 27 the NJTPA held its second meeting of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Working Group. The meeting was supported by consultants ICF and AECOM, and included representation from subregions, state partners, and neighboring MPOs. The group reviewed draft CMP objectives, drawn based on the group's meeting in January. Participants also discussed the use of particular performance measures, covering areas such as: accessibility to destinations; alternatives to driving alone; usability of public transit; efficiency of freight; walking and bicycling; and travel time reliability. The objectives and performance measures, once finalized, will be used to guide the upcoming needs assessment phase of the study. The next working group meeting, covering the needs assessment, is slated to take place in June.

2. Update on PRIME Use

Jeff Vernick, Central Staff

NJTPA staff and partner agencies have continued to enter the findings from planning studies into PRIME. With ten included as brief summaries and 19 entered along with 335 constituent recommendations, the system is beginning to be used to retrieve and apply this information. This includes NJTPA staff comments on particular NJDOT Capital Program Selection Committee projects and an identification of appropriate findings for potential funding opportunities. Most recent entries into PRIME include the *Walk Bike Hike Somerset County: Connecting Vibrant Communities* and *City of Newark Downtown Circulation Study*. Staff continues to work with RTAC members to review entries and coordinate on the use of PRIME.

3. Plan 2050 Update

Lois Goldman, Central Staff

Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to adopt long range transportation plans every four years in order for the region to receive federal transportation funding. The current NJTPA plan, Plan 2045, was adopted in the fall of 2017, and staff is developing elements of the update, Plan 2050, to be adopted in the fall of 2021. In addition, the consultant firm McCormick Taylor with Mercer Consulting has been selected to support Plan 2050 public outreach. They will initiate online outreach this spring. Consultant selection is underway for support for the plan's financial element, and a consultant is anticipated to be working in July. The financial element is required by federal regulation. In addition, background papers are being developed by Central Staff and as part of ongoing consultant efforts. Topics to be addressed include active transportation (walking and biking); technology; resilience; goods movement; and asset management (with a focus on subregional assets and needs). These papers will be published on a staggered schedule starting at the end of this year.

4. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Solicitations Update: Transportation Clean Air Measures (TCAMs) and Local Mobility Initiatives Programs

Liz DeRuchie and Peter Bilton, Central Staff

On February 24, 2020 the NJTPA issued separate solicitations for Transportation Clean Air Measures (TCAM) and Local Mobility Initiatives programs, which are funded through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

An Information Meeting was conducted on March 12, 2020 via phone and web. The slide presentation from the Information Meeting, as well as answers to questions received during the meeting and by telephone and email have been added to the program web page <http://njtpa.org/Projects-Programs/Local-Programs/CMAQ-Program.aspx>. Due to the coronavirus disruption, the NJTPA has extended the application deadline by six weeks. Thumbnail sketches are now due on May 6, 2020 and full proposals from invited applicants are due on June 27, 2020.

5. Tech Tools for Planning

Gabrielle Fausel, Central Staff

Staff is currently planning the 6th annual Planning Tools Expo. The Planning Tools Expo showcases some of the innovative tools that have been deployed or are under development in our region. This year the Planning Tools Expo will focus on a new tool currently being evaluated and implemented by the NJTPA called ArcGIS Hub as well showcase The Goods Movement Strategies for Communities Tool.

ArcGIS Hub is an easy-to-configure community engagement platform that organizes people, data, and tools through information-driven initiatives. The Goods Movement Strategies for Communities tool identifies and clarifies the complex issues involved with moving goods by truck and offers strategies that may help address community concerns while preserving the critical function of trucks in our regional economy.

Due to the uncertainty associated with COVID-19, the NJTPA is tentatively planning this event for the end of May as a virtual GoToMeeting. Once the date is confirmed, a formal invitation including agenda and call-in information will be distributed via email. If anything changes regarding the date and format of the event, notification will be sent.

6. Complete Streets Technical Assistance

Peter Bilton, Central Staff

Under the Complete Streets Technical Assistance project, the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers and the Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey are providing training and planning-level technical assistance to municipalities on how to implement Complete Streets. In February, the project team selected the following eight applicants for technical assistance out of more than two dozen applications: Bradley Beach, Cranbury, Dunellen, Franklin Township, Garwood, Hackensack, Manville, and West Orange. The team is currently conducting kick-off meetings with these municipalities for work that will be conducted during the spring and summer. The project is planned to be completed in the fall of 2020 with final reports and presentations for each town.

7. Together North Jersey (TNJ) Initiative

Jeff Perlman, Central Staff

The Spring TNJ Forum, scheduled for March 20 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The TNJ team is working to schedule virtual Task Force meetings planned for late April and early May and will soon notify task force members regarding these virtual meetings.

NJTPA staff is also working with the Voorhees Transportation Center to advance Local Technical Assistance projects for the City of Hackensack and the Borough of Bound Brook.

The Bound Brook Visual Identity and Wayfinding Project:

The TNJ assistance team gathered valuable feedback during a municipal workshop with Bound Brook stakeholders on February 14, including input from the mayor, council, municipal staff, and community leaders. Based on the community's feedback, the TNJ team is developing multiple preliminary design options for wayfinding themes, which the team will present to the community for feedback. TNJ is also developing surveys and digital messaging to conduct virtual public outreach in April.

Hackensack Demarest Place Art Walk:

The TNJ assistance team produced a summary of the Hackensack Creative Arts Team outreach efforts, which were conducted during fall 2019. The team conducted additional outreach during February to collect feedback from intercept surveys at the Hackensack Performing Arts Center (HACPAC), Bergen Community College, and streets near Demarest Place. The TNJ team met with leaders of the Creative Arts Team to plan for an April 22 virtual workshop and began distributing online engagement surveys to developers, community stakeholders, and the public. The TNJ team is developing a summary of interviews conducted with developers for upcoming projects adjacent to Demarest Place.



Kathryn A. DeFillippo, Chair
Mary D. Ameen, Executive Director

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County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo – Vice Chair

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Freeholder John Bartlett – Chair
Freeholder Matthew Holt – Vice Chair

Joint Meeting Minutes February 18, 2020

I. Roll Call of Members

NJTPA Chair Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo, Morris County, called the meeting to order. Beverly Morris, Central Staff, called the roll and 12 voting members of the Project Prioritization Committee and 11 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting was made by Warren County, seconded by Hunterdon County and carried unanimously.

III. Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Update

Reporting on the December meeting, RTAC Chairman Mark Jehnke, Ocean County, said that the Committee heard a presentation by the Rails to Trails Conservancy about the importance of trail development and connectivity to the region's transportation network. Megan Massey, NJ TRANSIT, introduced the Transit Friendly Planning, Land Use and Development Program stakeholder survey. Central Staff briefed the Committee on a variety of activities, including the upcoming Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) solicitation, the kickoff of the Accessibility and Mobility Strategy Synthesis study, a travel modeling series of webinars, and UpNext North Jersey, the NJTPA's pilot Young Adults Advisory Committee.

IV. Action Items

Project Prioritization Committee

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Freight Concept Development Program Studies

Jakub Rowinski, Central Staff, said that two projects were selected for the FY 2021 Freight Concept Development Program, which advances regional and local freight initiatives that have been identified through planning studies conducted by the NJTPA, its subregions, and other planning partners. Thirty-seven candidate freight projects that require a Concept Development study and do not have another path toward implementation were scored according to program criteria and submitted to the subregions for their input. Two studies were recommended for Concept Development. They are the Berkshire Valley Road Truck Circulation Project in Roxbury, Morris County, and the Port Reading Secondary South Main Street Grade Crossing Elimination Project in Bound Brook Somerset County.

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

2. Four Minor Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff, said NJDOT requested a package of four minor amendments. Due to updated construction estimates, additional federal funding is needed for two projects:

- \$24.29 million for the Route 72, Manahawkin Bay Bridges project in Ocean County
- \$16.75 million for the Route 206, Doctors Way to Valley Road project in Somerset County

These costs can be covered while maintaining fiscal constraint through a shift in the funding schedule for construction of the Route 23, Route 80 and Route 46 Interchange project in Passaic and Essex counties. In addition, federal funds previously allocated to the Route 171, Route 130 to Lincoln Avenue project in Middlesex County can be used because that project is now being fully funded with state resources. NHPP funds are available for these amendments.

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

3. Modifications to the FY 2020-2023 TIP to Add Federal Funds to the Route 206, Valley Road to Brown Avenue Project as Requested by NJDOT

Ms. Chamberlain said additional phases of work must be programmed for the project, moving the beginning of construction from FY 2021 to 2022. Funds are available in the Fiscal Constraint Bank to cover increased costs for right-of-way in FY 2020, utilities in 2021, and construction in 2022 through 2024.

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

4. 2019 Financial Plan Update for the Route 3/Route 46, Valley Road and Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Project

Ann Ludwig, Central Staff, said the update for this project in Passaic County reflects a \$48.7 million increase in the total project cost to \$308.9 million. This increase is mainly due to construction change orders and a design change to include a full bridge replacement for the Route 46 Bridge over Lower Notch Road.

A motion to approve the financial plan was made by Sussex County, seconded by Warren County and carried unanimously.

5. 2019 Financial Plan Update for the Route 72 Manahawkin Bay Bridges Project

Ms. Ludwig said the updated plan for this project in Ocean County reflects an increase of \$21.29 million to \$340.9 million, mainly due to increased utility relocations and updated cost estimates.

A motion to approve the financial plan was made by Sussex County, seconded by Middlesex County and carried unanimously.

6. 2019 Financial Plan for the Route 206 Project in Somerset County

Ms. Ludwig said the updated plan reflects an increase of \$13.9 million to \$452.8 million, also due to utility relocations and updated cost estimates. Freeholder Jason Sarnoski suggested that NJDOT request the utility relocation estimates earlier in the project development process.

A motion to approve the financial plan was made by Warren County, seconded by Hunterdon County and carried unanimously.

Planning and Economic Development Committee

7. Approval of the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program

Angel Young, Central Staff, said drafts of the UPWP and budget were distributed to the Board, RTAC, NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, and the federal partners in December for review and comment. Input on the UPWP was received from NJDOT, FHWA, the subregions and others. The input helped the NJTPA clarify work tasks and broaden others to better address important regional issues. NJDOT commended the NJTPA for assessing the potential impacts of new technologies and on addressing civil rights requirements. The subregions were commended for efforts involving resiliency, trail networks and greenways, complete streets, electric vehicles, and safety.

Ms. Young noted that there had been some changes to the UPWP since the initial draft. In particular, the budget revenue assumptions were revised to correctly reflect the balance of PL funding available from prior work programs. Also, a new sub-task activity was added to assist

NJDOT with data collection for MIRE, the state's Model Inventory of Roadway Elements management system.

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

V. Information Items

1. Plan 2050 Overview

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, said that Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to update their long-range transportation plans every four years as a condition for receiving federal funding. The NJTPA Board will be asked to adopt an updated plan by fall 2021. She said the plan will be based on a broad array of transportation, economic, demographic, and other data and extensive public outreach and stakeholder collaboration. Rutgers VTC will assist in the outreach effort to engage underserved communities. The NJTPA will contract a consultant for the plan's financial element.

Ms. Goldman said, new for this plan, the NJTPA will release background papers ahead of plan adoption, issuing the first later this year. These white papers will outline current and future conditions and needs on topics such as freight, active transportation, resiliency, local asset management, and technologies.

2. Trans-Hudson and Federal Policy Update

Dave Behrend, Central Staff, said the White House released its budget proposal for FY 2021. The release coincides with the updated Federal Transportation Administating (FTA) ratings for projects seeking funding through the Capital Investments Grant Program. The rating for the \$1.7 billion Portal North Bridge project increased to medium-high, making it eligible for additional federal funding. The improved rating is mostly due to New Jersey's significant funding commitment of 45 percent under the project's current financial plan. Mr. Behrend said the FTA anticipates engineering to start this year, full funding to be authorized by the end of the year, and project completion in 2026.

Mr. Behrend said the Hudson Tunnel project still has a medium-low rating, and the Gateway Development Commission and project partners are working to improve it.

Mr. Behrend said, while the White House budget proposes robust investment in the long-term, there are immediate short-term reductions. The budget includes a wide-ranging infrastructure proposal – \$810 billion over ten years for surface transportation and \$190 million for infrastructure across various sectors – but for 2021, the budget calls for a 13 percent cut in federal discretionary transportation funding, which includes significant reductions for Amtrak and airport infrastructure.

Mr. Behrend said the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is drafting its reauthorization proposal, which expected to be released in two or three months.

VI. Other Items

Freeholder DeFillippo announced the new roster of standing committee officers:

Project Prioritization Committee

- Chair, Freeholder John Bartlett, Passaic County
- Vice Chair, Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Warren County

Planning and Economic Development Committee

- Chair, Freeholder John Kelly, Ocean County
- Vice Chair, Freeholder Sara Sooy, Somerset County

Freight Initiatives Committee

- Chair, Freeholder Charles Kenny, Middlesex County
- Vice Chair, Freeholder Joshua Hertzberg, Sussex County

VIII. Next Meeting: April 20, 2020

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE
February 10, 2020**

**Project Prioritization Committee
(Committee Membership Rosters Will Change as of the April 20, 2020 Meeting)**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. Kathy DeFillippo (Chair)	Morris County
Hon. Charles Kenny	Middlesex County
Hon. Angel Estrada	Union County
Chris Helms	Bergen County
Byron Nicholas	Hudson County
Ken Bogen	Hunterdon County
Inkyung Englehart	Monmouth County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Dan Kelly	Governor's Authorities Unit
Jim Lewis	NJDOT
Megan Massey	NJ TRANSIT
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative

Planning and Economic Development Committee*

VOTING MEMBERS	
Hon. John Kelly	Ocean County
Hon. Sara Sooy	Somerset County
Hon. Jason Sarnoski	Warren County
Ken Bogen	Hunterdon County
Barkha Patel	Jersey City
Phillip Scott	Newark
Dan Kelly	Governor's Authorities Unit
Jim Lewis	NJDOT
Megan Massey	NJ TRANSIT
Jay Shuffield	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative

Also In Attendance	
Anna Aleynick	AECOM
Bob Werkmeister	GPI
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
George M. Ververides	Middlesex County
Gerald Rohsler	Morris County
Monica Etz	NJDOT
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA

Mark Jehnke	Ocean County
John Ernst	Ocean County
Salvatore Presti	Passaic County
Walt Lane	Somerset County
Peter Palmer	Somerset County
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Liza Betz	Union County
David Dech	Warren County

**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 – 2023
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
ADD THE DOWNTOWN TOMS RIVER LOOP ROAD
PROJECT IN OCEAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when federal funds above a specified threshold are added to a project, when federal funds are deleted from a project or when the construction phase of work is moved out of the constrained years of the TIP and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the County of Ocean is requesting the addition of a project: Downtown Toms River Loop Road Project (DB# N2009) in Ocean County to be programmed with federal Better Utilizing Investments in Leverage Development (BUILD) funds; and

WHEREAS, this minor amendment is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 TIP conforms to the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to

expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Summary of Action

Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Downtown Toms River Loop Road Project in Ocean County

Action: In order to advance the following project, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the Borough of Toms River has requested amending the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP to program federal funds.

Background: According to the *TIP Memorandum of Understanding*, when a project is added to the TIP or when federal funds are added to a project where none are currently programmed, and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment, and action is required by the NJTPA Project Prioritization Committee and the NJTPA Board of Trustees. The following revision is required due to the addition of federal funds on a project in Ocean County. It is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination.

Minor Amendment:

- **Downtown Toms River Loop Road Project, *Ocean County* DB# N2009**
This project has received a federal Better Utilizing Investments in Leverage Development (BUILD) grant and must be added to the TIP. The project will first be undergoing the Concept Development phase in order to produce a Preliminary Preferred Alternative (adding Federal Fiscal Year 2020 BUILD funds in the amount of \$5.660 million)

The attached documents provide further details on this project.

Justification for Action: Approval of this minor amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will allow the funds to be secured and the project to advance.

Staff Recommendation: Central Staff recommends approval of this action.

PENDING ACTION

NJTPA

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: **Mileposts:** **DBNUM:** N2009

Name: Downtown Toms River Loop Road Project

The Township of Toms River in Ocean County is proposing roadway and circulation improvements within its Downtown Waterfront Phase 1 Redevelopment Area. This project is intended to help facilitate economic redevelopment in the designated area between Exit 81 of the GSP, the Toms River Bus Terminal (Park & Ride) and the Toms River downtown. The current road circulation pattern provides for a "loop" at Irons Street that guides traffic on Route 166 through the downtown to areas south of the Toms River. This circulation pattern was not designed to accommodate trips from anticipated mixed use redevelopment aimed at transforming the downtown from a 9-to-5 area serving primarily as the seat of county government to a more diverse, mixed-use downtown that is "compact, complete and connected" per LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND) standards for sustainable development. This project is intended to address the anticipated circulation needs within the project limits.

Counties: Ocean

Municipalities: Toms River Twp

Project Type:

RCIS Category: Not Available

Sponsor: Toms River Twp

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million)

TIP:

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$5.660

**Unconstrained
Information Year**

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	ERC	BUILD	\$5.660				
			\$5.660				

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/25/2020

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March 16, 2020

Mr. David Roberts
Toms River Township Planner
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Re: Toms River Build Grant for the Downtown Improvements

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Ocean County is writing to lend its support of the placement of the Toms River Build Grant for the Downtown roadway improvements on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). As the majority of the roads within the project area are County roads, Ocean County will be commencing with the Concept Development phase of the project in the near future as part of our fair share of the project. It is our goal to identify a preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) that is agreeable to all stakeholders in the project.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with Toms River Township towards a successful project.

Very truly yours,

John N. Ernst, P.E., P.P.
Ocean County Engineer

JNE/mc

cc: John P. Kelly, Ocean County Freeholder
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TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER

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Division of Planning and Zoning

David Glynn Roberts, AICP/PP, LLA, LEED AP ND
Township Planner

March 17, 2020

Mary D. Ameen, Executive Director
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center,
17th Floor, Newark NJ 07102

RE: REQUEST BY TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER FOR INCLUSION ON TIP OF TOMS RIVER DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION ("Loop") BUILD GRANT PROJECT

Dear Director Ameen:

The Township of Toms River has been working with the New Jersey Division of the FHWA and the County of Ocean on proposed roadway and circulation improvements within our Downtown Waterfront Phase 1 Redevelopment Area in order to facilitate economic redevelopment of the designated redevelopment area between Exit 81 of the GSP and the Toms River Bus Terminal (Park & Ride) and the Toms River. The current road circulation pattern provides for a "loop" at Irons Street that guides traffic through the downtown on Route 166 to Ocean County towns south of the Toms River, but was not designed for the anticipated trips from mixed use redevelopment designed to transform the downtown from a 9 to 5 County Seat of government to a more diverse mixed-use downtown that embodies a "compact, complete and connected" neighborhood per LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND) standards for sustainable development.

The Township used a Post Sandy Planning Grant to have a neighborhood circulation plan prepared by Maser Consulting in 2015 that used Synchro modeling software to recommend road circulation improvements rooted in the reconstruction and extension of Herflicker Boulevard (a County road) as a parallel road between the current Irons Street one-way "loop" and Highland Parkway, which links the GSP northbound Exit 81 ramp to the bus terminal. Currently, the only link to the GSP is on Water Street (also a County road), which is below the Base Flood Elevation and was flooded during Sandy. Under the scope of the BUILD Grant submitted by the Township in the 2018 inaugural round, the reconstructed and extended Herflicker Boulevard would be elevated to as close to the BFE as possible and the streets between Herflicker and Water (Irons and Adafre) would be constructed to transition to the higher elevations and reconfigured as "complete streets". While the original preferred alternative in the 2015 Synchro analysis was for an extension of the "Loop" from Irons Street to



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Highland Parkway with two-way connections on the side streets, consultants to the Township and County have been working on a substantially expanded Synchro analysis with data from intersections that cover a much greater area of the downtown than was done in 2015. The purpose of the LCD phase will be to develop the alternatives analysis that will lead to a final preferred concept design for the construction of the elevated Herflicker Boulevard, as well as intersection improvements and circulation patterns, to be included on the STIP so that the Township can execute the Grant Agreement with the FHWA in late July or very early August of this year.

The Township appreciates the help and assistance that it continues to receive from the NJTPA and the consideration given to this request for inclusion on the TIP, with the funding source being the BUILD grant and the phase of work being ERC.

Sincerely yours,

David Glynn Roberts, PP #3081, AICP, LLA, LEED AP ND
Township Planner

Cc: Mayor Maurice B. Hill
Donald Guardian, Business Administrator
Robert J. Chankalian, Township Engineer
John Ernst, Ocean County Engineer
Mark Jehnke, Assistant Ocean County Engineer

Attachment PPC-2

**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 – 2023
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
ADD THE LAUREL AVENUE, NJ TRANSIT NORTH
JERSEY COAST LINE BRIDGE PROJECT IN
MONMOUTH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU the addition of a project to the TIP or the addition of federal funds to a project where none are currently programmed, and a new air quality conformity determination is not required constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the County of Monmouth is requesting the addition of a project: Laurel Avenue, NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line Bridge (DB# 08379), Monmouth County to be programmed with federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - FLEX (STBGP-FLEX) funds; and

WHEREAS, this minor amendment is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 TIP conforms to the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to

expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Summary of Action

Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Laurel Avenue, NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line Bridge Project in Monmouth County

Action: In order to advance the following project, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), on behalf of the County of Monmouth, has requested amending the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program federal funds.

Background: According to the *TIP Memorandum of Understanding*, when a project is added to the TIP or when federal funds are added to a project where none are currently programmed, and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment, and action is required by the NJTPA Project Prioritization Committee and the NJTPA Board of Trustees. The following revision is for the addition of federal funds on a project in Monmouth County. It is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination.

Minor Amendment:

- **Laurel Avenue, NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line Bridge, *Monmouth County*
DB# 08379**
This study will be ready to be authorized for Concept Development in Spring 2020 and therefore, needs to be amended into the TIP. According to NJDOT, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – FLEX funds are available for this purpose. (Federal Fiscal Year 2020, STBGP-FLEX \$0.800 million)

The attached documents provide further details on this project.

Justification for Action: Approval of this minor amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will allow the funds to be secured and the project to advance.

Staff Recommendation: Central Staff recommends approval of this action.

PENDING ACTION

NJTPA

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: **Mileposts:** N/A **DBNUM:** 08379

Name: Laurel Avenue, NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line Bridge

Laurel Avenue (CR 52) serves residents of Holmdel and Middletown townships as a major connection between the Garden State Parkway and State Route 35, where there is significant commercial activity. There is a pinch point at the grade-separated intersection of South Laurel Avenue and the NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line between Commons Way and Continental Boulevard in the study area. There are also vertical clearance issues with the railroad bridge. The study will identify the project purpose and need as well as assess various alternatives in an effort to identify a preliminary preferred alternative through coordination with various stakeholders and the public.

The following special federal appropriation was allocated to this project: FY06 SAFETEA LU/HPP \$800,000 (ID # NJ -118) and has been exchanged with FAST ACT/ STBGP-FLEX.

Counties: Monmouth

Municipalities: Holmdel Twp

Project Type: Bridge Preservation

RCIS Category: Bridges

Sponsor: Monmouth County

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million)

TIP:

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$0.800

**Unconstrained
Information Year**

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	CD	STBGP-FLEX	\$.800				
			\$.800				

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/5/2020

Laurel Avenue - TIP Request

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Fri 4/3/2020 3:53 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 8:13 PM

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Subject: LCD Study - CR 52 (S. Laurel Ave @ Railroad Bridge) Holmdel/Middletown, Monmouth County

Good afternoon Mary,

The County solicited proposals for the reference project from qualified engineering firms. NJTPA and County reviewed and scored all received proposals. At a NJTPA/County consultant selection meeting, it was mutually agreed that Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) of Lebanon, NJ submitted the highest scoring technical proposal. The County then negotiated and arrived at a mutually agreeable scope and cost proposal with GPI. The original scope & cost proposal, dated August 6, 2019, was revised as documented in the attached February 10, 2020 Letter; with a revised cost in the amount of \$799,955.23. At this time, the CD phase is ready for authorization.

As always, thank you for your support and guidance on this important public safety project.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Ettore, P.E.

County Engineer

County of Monmouth

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 – 2023
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
ADD FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE RUMSON ROAD OVER
THE SHREWSBURY RIVER (CR 520) PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when federal funds above a specified threshold are added to a project, when federal funds are deleted from a project or when the construction phase of work is moved out of the constrained years of the TIP and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the County of Monmouth is requesting the addition of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds (NY/NWK sub-allocation) to the Rumson Road over the Shrewsbury River (CR 520) project (DB# NS9706) in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the required funds are available from the NJTPA Future Projects line item (DB# N063); and

WHEREAS, this minor amendment is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 TIP conforms to the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Summary of Action

Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Rumson Road over the Shrewsbury River (CR 520) Project

Action: In order to advance the following project, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the County of Monmouth has requested amending the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP to program federal funds.

Background: According to the *TIP Memorandum of Understanding*, when a project is added to the TIP or when federal funds are added to a project where none are currently programmed, and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment, and action is required by the NJTPA Project Prioritization Committee and the NJTPA Board of Trustees. The following revision is for the addition of federal funds on a project in Monmouth County. It is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination. An Initial Financial Plan for this project will be advanced upon Federal Highway Administration request.

Minor Amendment:

- **Rumson Road over the Shrewsbury River (CR 520), *Monmouth County* DB# NS9706**
Revised cost estimates have shown the need for increased Construction funding. This request is for the addition of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds in the amount of \$10.9 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 and an additional \$20.1 million in FFY 2021. STBGP funds are available for this purpose from the NJTPA Future Projects line item (DB# N063). These funds are STBGP- NY/NWK sub-allocation.
- **NJTPA Future Projects, DB# N063**
This program line item has available funds to meet the need outlined above. (STBGP: Remove \$10.9 million in FFY 2020 and \$20.1 million in FFY 2021) These funds are STBGP- NY/NWK sub-allocation.

The attached documents provide further details on this project.

Justification for Action: Approval of this minor amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will allow the funds to be secured and the project to advance.

Staff Recommendation: Central Staff recommends approval of this action.

PENDING ACTION

NJTPA

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: CR 520

Mileposts: 22.31

DBNUM: NS9706

Name: Rumson Road over the Shrewsbury River, CR 520

Bridge S-32 carries CR 520, Rumson Road, across the Shrewsbury River between the Boroughs of Rumson and Sea Bright. This bridge serves as one of two evacuation and emergency routes in times of tidal flooding and coastal storms. The existing structure is in poor condition, with deterioration of major bridge components. Monmouth County is proposing a movable structure to replace the current structure.

Counties: Monmouth

Municipalities: Rumson Boro Sea Bright Boro

Project Type: Bridge Preservation

RCIS Category: Bridges

Sponsor: Monmouth County

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million) \$83.787

TIP:

CURRENT

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$73.000

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	CON	STBGP-NY/NWK	\$36.000	\$37.000			
			\$36.000	\$37.000			

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$104.000

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	CON	STBGP-NY/NWK	\$46.900	\$57.100			
			\$46.900	\$57.100			

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/30/2020

PENDING ACTION

NJTPA

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: Mileposts: N/A DBNUM: N063

Name: NJTPA, Future Projects

This program provides funding for unanticipated project needs associated with the design, right-of-way or construction of NJTPA selected local projects.

Counties: Various

Municipalities: Various

Project Type: Local Aid

RCIS Category: Other

Sponsor: NJTPA

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million)

TIP:

CURRENT

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$193.861

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	ERC	STBGP-NY/NWK	\$10.975	\$38.366	\$88.610	\$55.910	\$550.193
			\$10.975	\$38.366	\$88.610	\$55.910	\$550.193

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$162.861

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	ERC	STBGP-NY/NWK	\$.075	\$18.266	\$88.610	\$55.910	\$550.193
			\$.075	\$18.266	\$88.610	\$55.910	\$550.193

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/30/2020

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March 20, 2020

Mary D. Ameen,
Executive Director
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center, 17th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102

RE: Request for Additional Funding for the Replacement of Monmouth County Bridge S-32
on County Route 520 (Rumson Road) over the Shrewsbury River
DBNUM: NS9706

Dear Ms. Ameen:

Monmouth County and North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), in cooperation with New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have been steadily working together towards the much needed replacement of Bridge S-32. As we approach the completion of the final design phase, a more detailed construction phase estimates have been prepared identifying a funding shortfall of \$ 31.6 Million.

Recent detailed cost estimates for the construction phase, comprising of three (3) distinct contracts, is at \$ 104.6 Million as shown below with detailed estimates attached:

Construction:	\$ 97.3 Million
Construction Inspection & Administration:	\$ 4.2 Million
<u>Construction Support:</u>	<u>\$ 3.1 Million</u>
Total Construction Phase:	\$ 104.6 Million

Monmouth County respectfully requests funding in the amount of \$ 31.6 Million which when combined with the current TIP amount of \$73 Million will allow the County to advance the Construction phase of the Bridge S-32 project as fully federally funded project.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical transportation project and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Joseph M. Ettore, P.E.
County Engineer

enclosures

C: Sascha Frimpong, Director, NJTPA
Sarbjit Kahlon, NJTPA
Thomas A. Arnone, Freeholder Director
Teri O'Connor, County Administrator
John Tobia, Director of Public Works & Engineering
Ming Kao, Assistant County Engineer
Inkyung Englehart, Chief Engineer
Fred Passeggio, Chief Engineer
Andres Roda, Principal Engineer

**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 – 2023
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
ADD THE RIVERBANK PARK BIKE TRAIL PROJECT AS
REQUESTED BY THE TOWN OF KEARNY**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU the addition of a project that is not listed in the current TIP and that does not require a new air quality conformity determination, constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kearny is requesting that the Riverbank Park Bike Trail project (DB# 08440) be added to the TIP; and

WHEREAS, fiscal constraint is maintained because State-NJTPA funds have been made available for this project; and

WHEREAS, this minor amendment is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 TIP conforms to the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to

expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Summary of Action

Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Riverbank Park Bike Trail Project in the Town of Kearny

Action: In order to advance the following project, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority on behalf of the Town of Kearny has requested amending the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP to program state funds.

Background: According to the *TIP Memorandum of Understanding* when a project is added to the current TIP, action is required by the NJTPA Project Prioritization Committee and the NJTPA Board of Trustees. This amendment is for the addition of \$1.82 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020. These State funds were made available specifically for this project by an agreement between NJDOT and the NJTPA. The Town of Kearny has stated that the project is ready to advance into the TIP for the construction phase of work.

Minor Amendment:

- **Riverbank Park Bike Trail, *Hudson County* DB# 08440**
This project has advanced through Design and is ready for the Construction phase of work. Funds have been made available by the NJTPA through a funding agreement with the State of New Jersey. (State/NJTPA funds \$1.82 million in FFY 2020)

The attached documents provide further details on this project.

Justification for Action: Approval of this minor amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will allow the funds to be secured and the project to advance.

Staff Recommendation: Central Staff recommends approval of this action.

PENDING ACTION

NJTPA

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: **Mileposts:** N/A **DBNUM:** 08440

Name: Riverbank Park Bike Trail

The purpose of the project is to improve the area of the Riverbank Park trail along Passaic Avenue from Bergen Avenue to the Belleville Turnpike.

Counties: Hudson

Municipalities: Kearny Town

Project Type:

RCIS Category: Bike/Ped

Sponsor: Kearny Town

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million)

TIP:

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$1.820

**Unconstrained
Information Year**

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	CON	STATE-NJTPA	\$1.820				
			\$1.820				

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/2/2020



TOWN OF KEARNY

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March 31, 2020

Ms. Mary Ameen, Executive Director
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center
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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: Kearny Riverbank Park Bike Trail Project

Dear Ms. Ameen:

The Town of Kearny is hereby formally requesting funding in the amount of \$1,820,000.00 for the construction of the Kearny Riverbank Bike Trail Project. With the recent completion of the design phase, the Town is committed to providing our community with this much needed bike/pedestrian trail.

I realize that the design phase took longer than expected, however, the construction of the project will begin as soon as the designs are approved and the funding is obligated by the NJTPA. Technical details and status provided below should serve as key indicators that the Town is serious about this project and expects to see this project come to completion in 2020. We will use our best efforts to complete the project in 2020.

The current status of the project is that plans and specifications prepared by Mott MacDonald have been completed and submitted to NJDOT Local Aid – District 2 Office for review. With respect to permitting, the NJDEP permitting process has been completed with the issuance of the approved NJDEP Coastal Zone General Permit 13 (Permit Number 0907-10-0001.2; CZM 150001). NJDEP also provided determination that a Tidelands Lease Agreement will not be required for the project. The project has also been reviewed by Hudson County and easement agreements have been formally executed between the Town of Kearny and Hudson County for the project work located within the County's Right-of-Way.

As the project proceeds through NJDOT Local Aid Review, Public Bidding and Construction, the Town of Kearny will provide monthly project status reports to the NJTPA and NJDOT and an updated project schedule for bidding and construction of the proposed work.

March 31, 2020

Page 2 of 2

The Town of Kearny is dedicated to providing high quality recreation opportunities for our residents and highly motivated to see this project completed in 2020. Please feel free to contact me or Town Administrator Stephen D. Marks at (201) 246-1418 if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Alberto G. Santos, Mayor