



Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Mark Jehnke, Chair

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

I. Roll call

RTAC Chair Mark Jehnke, Ocean County, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Beverly Morris, Central Staff, called the roll. Seventeen voting members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting was made by Somerset County, seconded by Monmouth County and carried unanimously.

III. Presentations

1. Active Transportation Plan Draft Regional Network

Keith Hamas, Central Staff, reported on progress of the NJTPA Active Transportation Plan project, which is expected to be completed by June. He said the project will create a unified vision for a regional active transportation network that is organized around principles of safety and utility and prioritizes regional connectivity and equitable access. Through data-driven analyses, input from a Technical Advisory Committee and public outreach, a draft conceptual regional network and county profiles were developed and would be submitted to RTAC members for review shortly. Mr. Hamas said outreach included an online survey, an online interactive map and nine pop-up events around the region. He noted that focus groups were underway to address equity by gathering perspectives from underrepresented minorities and vulnerable user groups, such as persons with disabilities.

2. NJTPA-Led Local Safety Action Plans

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, said the NJTPA will lead a consultant supported initiative to develop Local Safety Action Plans that are consistent with federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Program requirements. This discretionary grant program involves two kinds of activities: Planning (Local Safety Action Plans) and implementation (additional planning, engineering and

construction). Ms. Goldman said counties and municipalities must have Local Safety Action Plans in place before applying for an implementation grant. She said that seven NJTPA subregions applied for planning or implementation grants during the first round of the five-year program. Ms. Goldman noted that the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program implements the National Road Safety Strategy, which is based on the Safe Systems approach, focusing on planning for safer people (behavior), roads, vehicles, speeds and post-crash care.

Mr. Hamas spoke about elements of a Local Safety Action Plan that include leadership commitment, planning structure, planning process inputs and planning process outcomes. He said, while the NJTPA will administer the consultant contracts and help guide the outreach process, the goal is to work with the subregions in shared responsibility. Currently, Middlesex, Hoboken, and Jersey City have Vision Zero plans that appear to meet the requirements for safety action plans. Staff will be sending formal invitation letters and information to county administrators by the end of January. Consultant selection is expected by summer 2023, and work will begin by early 2024.

In answer to a question from Mr. Jehnke, Mr. Hamas said there are three more years of eligibility for implementation grants once action plans are in place. He noted that municipalities are eligible to apply for implementation grants under their counties' action plans.

IV. Election of RTAC Leadership for 2023-2024 Term

Mr. Jehnke said two RTAC members expressed interest in leading the Committee for the 2023-2024 term. He nominated David Antonio, Essex County, for RTAC Chair. There were no other nominations for the position, and the members voted unanimously by voice vote in support of the nomination. Mr. Antonio nominated Andras Holzmann, Passaic County, for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations for the position and the members voted unanimously by voice vote in support of the nomination.

Mr. Jehnke said he looked forward to their leadership and thanked them for stepping up to take the helm. He also thanked NJTPA staff for their support during his tenure. Ted Ritter, NJTPA, thanked him for his service as RTAC Chair and said it had been a pleasure to work with him, as he has been a great chair who was very much engaged and easy to work with. NJTPA Executive Director David Behrend echoed Mr. Ritter's remarks and thanked Messrs. Antonio and Holzmann for taking over.

V. Next Meeting: February 14, 2023

VI. Adjournment

At 11:07 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Somerset County, seconded by Ocean County and carried unanimously.

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Attendance
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Voting Members	
Mark Jehnke (Chair)	Ocean County
Peter Kortright	Bergen County
David Antonio	Essex County
Tom Malavasi	Hudson County
Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon County
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
Mike Dannemiller	Middlesex County
Shilpa Bhojappa	Monmouth County
John Hayes	Morris County
Andras Holzmann	Passaic County
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Liza Betz	Union County
Andy Clark	NJDOT
Megan Massey	NJ TRANSIT
Jay Shuffield	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Robert Davidow	Governor's Authorities Unit
Jared Rodriguez	Citizens' Representative
Other Attendees	
Jack Kanarek	Dewberry
Lisa Lee	EZ Ride
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County
Michael Popovech	Monmouth County
Rosemary Nivar	New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA
Massiel Ferrara	Passaic County
Lily Black	US Environmental Protection Agency
Paul St. Onge	
Ryan Rapp	