



Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Mark Jehnke, Chair
Byron Nicholas, Vice Chair

Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022

I. Roll call

RTAC Chair Mark Jehnke, Ocean County, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Beverly Morris called the roll, and 19 voting members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting was made by Hudson County, seconded by Somerset County, and carried with 18 affirmative votes. Ocean County abstained.

III. Presentations

Jersey City on the Move

Elias Guseman, City of Jersey City, said the study goal was to determine which innovative and emerging transportation modes can best fill existing service gaps and expand the city's multi-modal transportation network, which includes NJ TRANSIT buses and light rail, PATH, ferries, biking, and other modes. He said the project team assessed existing transportation conditions to understand needs and identify potential solutions. Along with data collection and analysis, the assessment included a review of the transportation element of Jersey City's Master Plan, Title VI and environmental justice policies, and transit desert analyses.

Mr. Guseman said a Technical Advisory Committee helped guide the project, and public engagement included stakeholder interviews, virtual public meetings and digital engagement through a community survey, an interactive map, and a [project webpage](#).

Mr. Guseman said the study team created a mode selection screening tool that identifies, assesses, and prioritizes potential solutions. He said this methodology indicates that solutions for addressing gaps in micro transit, bus rapid transit and bike sharing would be the most impactful and feasible. Other possible strategies include autonomous vehicle shuttles, mobility hubs, mobility as a service and car sharing. The tool also assesses app-based carpooling, electric scooter and moped sharing, and an aerial tram.

Bike Passaic County: A Bicycle Master Plan for Passaic County

Andras Holzmann, Passaic County, said the study examined the county's entire bicycle network, and he focused on three parts of the plan:

- Concept-level plans for 12 areas that were chosen for more detailed recommendations to connect existing and future trails, commercial corridors, downtowns, and transit. Each of these plans includes an overview, concept map, potential bike facilities and level of effort to implement.
- A bicycle facilities pattern book that includes design guides approved by federal and state governments and provides consistent criteria for standardizing municipal facility selections. For each bicycle facility type the pattern book includes definition, typical application of the facility, typical dimensions, and references to detailed published design guides.
- Recommendations for policies, planning and programming including establishing a bicycle/pedestrian advisory committee to discuss bicycle issues in the county and how diverse groups could serve as partners. Planners have started working with the county recycling department to implement a bike exchange or donation program. The plan calls for engaging local groups to conduct open street events and developing a plan for bicycle wayfinding, especially in rural areas without biking facilities.

[\(Study website\)](#)

IV. Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) Report

Tara Shepherd, goHunterdon, outlined each TMA's activities facilitating Street Smart campaigns across the state. She said the TMAs continue to coordinate Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan projects, including travel information tools for first-time transit users, seniors, veterans, low-income individuals and persons with disabilities, and non-emergency paratransit to health care facilities and social services. Ms. Shepherd said all the TMAs continue to promote the adoption of electric vehicles and infrastructure by sharing information with municipalities and business communities. She said, in May, the TMAs participated in a workshop for program assessment, which was conducted for the NJTPA by the Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC).

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 CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) Performance Plan to NJDOT, which will forward them 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. Subregional Pass Through Programs Update

Peter Zambito, Central Staff, said the annual Subregional Pass Through Program workshop had been postponed to July 18. He reminded the Committee that the Subregional Studies Program solicitation was released on June 8, and thumbnail sketches are due by July 8. He said Central Staff members can meet with individual subregions to discuss their thumbnail sketches.

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, introduced Justine Recio-Patel, the new Senior Planner for the Subregional Transportation Program. Ms. Goldman noted that Mr. Zambito will be working on corridor studies.

3. Together North Jersey (TNJ) Initiative Update

Jeff Perlman, Central Staff, said an open house where TNJ participants could review and comment on the updated TNJ plan was held in May. He said updated focus areas and strategies in the draft plan were posted on the TNJ website, and the plan update will be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Perlman said the current two projects under the Vibrant Places Program (formerly the Technical Assistance Program) are nearing completion. They are the Fink Park Vision Plan in South Amboy and the Washington Avenue Strategic Marketing Plan for Belleville. He said the VTC is looking to enhance the Vibrant Places program and increase the types of projects it can support.

Mr. Perlman said the TNJ team is working on a community diversity study with Myron Orfield, University of Minnesota. The team is analyzing municipal level demographic changes and school demographics. He said the project report is expected shortly. Also, TNJ Institute activities will resume in Fiscal Year 2023.

VI. Review of Project Prioritization Committee Action Items

Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff, briefed the Committee on action items slated for consideration at the June 21, 2022 joint meeting of the Project Prioritization Committee/Planning and Economic Development Committee:

1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Bayonne Commuter Ferry Pier and Dock Improvements Project as Requested by the City of Bayonne
2. Minor Amendment to the FY 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program to Add 29 Projects as Requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation
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
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
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

VII. RTAC Teleconference – July 18, 2022 (Tentative)

VIII. Next Meeting: August 8, 2022

IX. Adjournment

At 11:45 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
June 13, 2022

Voting Members	
Mark Jehnke (Chair)	Ocean County
Byron Nicholas (Vice Chair)	Hudson County
Chris Helms	Bergen County
David Antonio	Essex County
Carrie Fellows	Hunterdon County
Elias Guseman	Jersey City
Doug Greenfeld	Middlesex County
Inkyung Englehart	Monmouth County
John Hayes	Morris County
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Andras Holzmann	Passaic County
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Liza Betz	Union County
Brian Leckie	NJDOT
Megan Massey	NJ TRANSIT
Jay Shuffield	PANYNJ
Dorian Smith	Governor's Authorities Unit
Charles Burton	Citizens' Representative
Other Attendees	
Peter Kortright	Bergen County
Neile Weissman	Complete George
Jack Kanarek	Dewberry
Amanda Chiu	Gedeon GRC Consulting
Angelica Augustyniak	Gedeon GRC Consulting
Tara Shepherd	goHunterdon TMA
Bob Werkmeister	GPI
Tom Malavasi	Hudson County
Kris Melchers	Hunterdon County
Katherine Fullerton	Hunterdon County
Mike Manzella	Jersey City
Andrew Lappitt	Middlesex County
Mike Dannemiller	Middlesex County
David Schmetterer	Monmouth County
Dede Murray	Morris County
RJ Palladino	NJ TRANSIT
Jim Vari	NJDOT
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA

Andrew Mikesch	Northern Valley Greenway
Sal Presti	Passaic County
Ryan Conklin	Warren County
Courtney Johnson	
Emmanuelle Morgen	