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As the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 13-county northern New Jersey region, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) analyzes and addresses needs on one of the most heavily traveled transportation networks in the nation. It funds improvement projects that shape nearly every aspect of regional travel.

Key Products

Regional Transportation Plan for Northern New Jersey (RTP) Updated every four years, the RTP forecasts future conditions and sets out a vision

for development of the transportation system over the next twenty years.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updated every other year, the TIP is a four-year agenda of improvement projects, primarily drawn from the RTP. To be eligible for federal funds, proposed projects must be approved by the NJTPA Board for inclusion in the TIP.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Updated annually, the UPWP summarizes the transportation planning activities of the NJTPA's staff, its member agencies and other transportation agencies in the region. It authorizes and funds studies of a wide range of needs.

Strategic Business Plan The Strategic Business Plan establishes the operational policies, goals, and objectives of the Board to support the mission of the NJTPA.

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o ensure that public funds are spent cost effectively to maintain and improve the transportation system, the federal government has established locally controlled planning agencies, called Metropolitan Planning

Organizations (MPOs), in each region of the country.

The MPO for northern New Jersey is the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). Each year, it oversees more than \$1 billion in federal funding for transportation investments in the fifth most populous MPO region in the nation.

The NJTPA evaluates and approves proposed transportation projects and provides a forum for interagency cooperation and public input into funding decisions. The NJTPA also sponsors

and conducts studies, assists county planning agencies and monitors compliance with air quality goals.

■ **Voting Membership:** The NJTPA Board of Trustees consists of one local elected official from each of the region's 13 counties and its two largest cities, Newark and Jersey City. The Board also includes a Governor's Representative, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Executive Director of NJ Transit and the Deputy Executive Director the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and a Citizens' Representative.

■ **Organizational Structure:** The NJTPA Board meets every two months. Three standing

committees—Planning & Economic Development, Project Prioritization, and Freight Initiatives—make recommendations on items to be considered by the full Board. A Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) of planners and engineers from member agencies reviews transportation issues.

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NJTPA Regional Statistics

- 6.6 million people; 3 million jobs in 13 counties, 384 municipalities.
- 2,000 miles of freeways, 6,000 miles of arterial highways and 15,000 miles of county-local roads; 4,800 bridges.
- 250 NJ Transit bus routes; 10 commuter rail Lines covering 390 miles with 150 stations; two light rail lines totaling 26 miles; a 14-mile PATH commuter rail service.
- Largest container port on the east coast, 14th largest in the world.

The NJTPA
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