

## NJTPA Regional Statistics



- 7 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 and second largest in the U.S.

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## Defining the Vision. Shaping the Future.

**A**s the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 13-county northern and central New Jersey region, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) analyzes and addresses the needs of 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

**Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** Updated every four years, the LRTP 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 LRTP. 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.



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ongress created Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in each region of the country to give local elected officials a stronger role in guiding how federal funds are spent and to ensure decisions are made collaboratively through

a comprehensive transportation planning process.

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is the MPO for northern and central New Jersey, the seventh most populous MPO region in the nation. Each year, the NJTPA partners with local and state agencies to help fund more than \$3 billion in transportation investments in its region.

The NJTPA evaluates and approves proposed transportation improvements 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, the Chairman of 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.

■ **Planning Programs:** NJTPA's transportation planning identifies needs and priorities to guide improvements to roads, bridges, transit, walking

and biking facilities and more. NJTPA planning programs include studies of transportation issues, both at the regional level and in the 15 city and county member "subregions;" overseeing efforts to improve regional air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; promoting safe transportation by addressing hazards and through public education campaigns; assisting subregions in preparing local projects for possible federal funding; and using modeling and mapping tools to assess trends and system performance. ■

## The Project Pipeline

