

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Policy Board Meeting PHONE CONFERENCE

Monday, September 24, 2007 - 11:00 A.M.
782 S. Brewster Road, Unit B-6, Vineland

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chairman Daniel Beyel, followed by the flag salute. Timothy Chelius then advised that the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act were met through Annual Notice on September 17, 2007 to The Press of Atlantic City, The Bridgeton Evening News, The Daily Journal, Today's Sunbeam, and to the Clerks of the four member counties. Also, the Notice was posted on the designated bulletin board in Vineland City Hall. Attendance of members was then taken by roll call:

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Daniel Beyel, Cape May County
Thomas Russo, Atlantic County
Douglas Rainear, Cumberland County
Charles Sullivan, Salem County
Robert Levy, Atlantic City (Not Present)
Jeffrey Ridgway, Pittsgrove Township
Leonard Desiderio, Sea Isle City
Perry Barse, City of Vineland
James Lewis, NJDOT
Dr. Jerome Lutin, NJ Transit
Kathleen Aufschneider, SJTA (Representing Bart Mueller)

Also in attendance:

James Pierson, Angelini, Viniar & Freedman
Brian Wahler, NJ Turnpike Authority
Sonia Frontera, Governor's Authorities Unit
Timothy Chelius, SJTPO
Monica LoGuidice, SJTPO
Les Varga, SJTPO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 23, 2007

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the minutes of July 23, 2007 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

In Chairman Brewer's absence, Executive Director Chelius reported that TAC recommended Board approval of the Environmental Mitigation Supplement to the 2025 SJTPO Regional Transportation Plan.

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC SAFETY ALLIANCE

Executive Director Chelius reported that the SJTSA kicked-off the “National Child Passenger Safety Week” with a press conference at the Shore Mall last week, with a new campaign “Get Me Installed Three Weeks Before Your Due Date”. He explained that this campaign is designed to inform expecting parents to install their car seats before their due dates in case of an early delivery. Mr. Chelius stated that the press conference went well and that he will mail the Board copies of the news article.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 0709-33: Approving the Environmental Mitigation Supplement to the 2025 SJTPO Regional Transportation Plan

On Motion by Freeholder Director Rainear and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, Resolution 0709-33 was opened for discussion. Les Varga explained the environmental mitigation supplement brings the SJTPO 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted in June 2004, into compliance with the SAFETEA-LU requirements, which supersedes the previous ISTEA and TEA-21 legislation. He also explained this will allow a four year time frame to prepare the 2035 Update. With no further comment, Resolution 0709-33 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2. Resolution 0709-34: Approving Consultant Selection for the FY 2008 Road Safety Audit Project Development

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Freeholder Director Rainear, Resolution 0709-34 was opened for discussion. Executive Director Chelius explained that this project will continue to provide planning funds for counties to get projects ready for authorization for the \$1 million in safety funds yearly. Mr. Chelius reported that the proposal is to devote \$50,000 for signal design in Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland Counties. He stated that approximately 130 firms received the Notice of Availability, and four proposals were received. The Consultant Selection Committee consisting of Atlantic County Regional Planning & Development, Cape May County Engineer’s Office, and SJTPO recommends the selection of Orth Rodgers & Associates of West Trenton in association with A-Tech Engineering, Inc. of Vineland, for a total cost of \$49,997.00, with a 15.1% DBE. With no further comment, Resolution 0709-34 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. NJDOT Updates: James Lewis, Manager, Bureau of Statewide Planning

Shore Connection Projects: James Lewis reviewed the attached summary report.

Mr. Lewis reported that at the May 15, 2007 Dennis Township Council Meeting, NJDOT representatives presented their reasoning and intent not to pursue an auxiliary lane at Route 47/347 Intersection in Dennis Township. He further reported that Township officials were very supportive of NJDOT’s decision, since they don’t feel that this particular intersection is the main cause for traffic congestion. Mr. Lewis stated that the issue of the congestion is at the downstream traffic signals at CR 610 and CR 611, which those projects are still going forward to help reduce congestion. Chairman Beyel questioned this, and further stated that it is a partial cause of the congestion, and that the County will handle the issue at their level.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On Motion by Freeholder Sullivan and seconded by Freeholder Director Rainear, the Policy Board unanimously approved by roll call vote Executive Director Chelius to execute the minutes and resolutions in Freeholder Sullivan’s absence.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Chairman Beyel and seconded by Mayor Desiderio, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved Minutes Certified Correct:

Charles R. Sullivan

Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer