

Policy Board Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2008 - 11:00 A.M.

Vineland City Hall - City Council Caucus Room, First Floor

Seventh and Wood Streets

AGENDA

- a. Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Law Announcement
- b. Roll Call
- c. Approval of Minutes: [October 27, 2008](#)
- d. Communications
- e. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee – Robert Brewer, Chairman
- f. Chairman's Remarks
- g. Report of the Executive Director - Timothy G. Chelius
- h. New Business
 1. [Resolution 0812-25](#): Approving Consultant Selection for the FY 2009 Vineland Master Plan Circulation Element
 2. [Resolution 0812-26](#): Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement for the FY 2008 Air Quality Analysis to Extend the Termination Date
 3. [Resolution 0812-27](#): Amending the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Old Deerfield Pike (CR606): Bridgeton Avenue (CR659) to Silver Lake Road (CR704) Project
 4. [Resolution 0812-28](#): Recognizing the Services of Charles R. Sullivan
 5. [Resolution 0812-29](#): Recognizing the Services of Douglas M. Rainear
 6. NJDOT Updates: [Shore Connection Projects](#), Beesley's Point Bridge , NJ Route 52 Project
- i. Public Comment
- j. Adjournment

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Vineland City Hall , 1st Floor Caucus Room

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chairman Daniel Beyel, followed by the flag salute. Mr. Chelius then advised that the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act were met through 48-Hour Notice on October 20, 2008 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 (By Phone)
Thomas Russo, Atlantic County (By Phone)
Douglas Rainear, Cumberland County (Not Present)
Charles Sullivan, Salem County (By Phone)
Scott Evans, Atlantic City (Not Present)
Jeffrey Ridgway, Pittsgrove Township (By Phone)
Leonard Desiderio, Sea Isle City (By Phone)
Robert Romano, City of Vineland (Not Present)
Howard Immordino, NJDOT (Representing Thomas Wospil)
Pippa Woods , NJ Transit (Not Present)
Kathleen Aufschneider, SJTA (By Phone)

Also in attendance:

James Pierson, Angelini, Viniar & Freedman (By Phone)
John Peterson, Atlantic County (By Phone)
Robert Brewer, Cumberland County
Louis Joyce, Salem County
Patty Leech, Federal Highway Administration (By Phone)
Sonia Frontera, Governor's Authorities Unit (By Phone)
Brian Wahler, NJ Turnpike Authority (By Phone)
Timothy Chelius, SJTPO
Monica LoGuidice, SJTPO
Michael Reeves, SJTPO
John Petersack, SJTPO (By Phone) _

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 28, 2008

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the minutes of July 28, 2008 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Robert Brewer reported that at the October 14, 2008 meeting, TAC recommended Board approval of the following scheduled action items.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Chelius reported that the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance conducted their Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 24th, which was well attended. He stated that Ms. Thomas will circulate her Newsletter to everyone shortly.

Mr. Chelius proposed having a December 15th meeting for two upcoming consultant projects which will require approval. The two projects are the FY 2009 Asset Management Data Collection and the Vineland Transportation Master Plan.

On Motion by Vice Chairman Russo and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, the Policy Board appointed Monica LoGuidice as acting Secretary in lieu of Freeholder Sullivan to sign resolutions. With no further comment, the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 0810-23: Amending the SJTPO FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Add Funds for the Preparation of an SJTPO Coordinated Regional Human Service Transportation Plan

On Motion by Committeeman Ridgway and seconded by Howard Immordino, Resolution 0810-23 was opened for discussion. Michael Reeves reported that TAC recommends amending the FY 2009 UPWP by adding \$197,526 in FTA New Freedom program funding to a new Task 09/408: SJTPO Regional Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. He further stated that it is anticipated that \$80,000 of this funding will be used to prepare the Plan, with the remainder (which may be carried over into the next fiscal year) to plan for and implement a human service transportation pilot or demonstration project. With no further comment, Resolution 0810-23 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2. Resolution 0810-24: Approving the Selection of Abrams-Cherwony & Associates as Consultants for the Preparation of the SJTPO FY 2009 Regional Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, Resolution 0810-24 was opened for discussion. Michael Reeves reported that TAC recommends the consultant selection of Abrams-Cherwony & Associates of Philadelphia in association with Mundle & Associates (ESBE firm) of Philadelphia to prepare the SJTPO FY 2009 Regional Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The final scope of work includes a total cost proposal for \$80,000, with a 35% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise allocation. With no further comment, Resolution 0810-24 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

NJDOT Update: Howard Immordino, NJDOT – Capital Investment Strategies

Howard Immordino reported that the report was distributed by email. Thomas Carbone of the Department is looking into several items in question by Cape May County Engineer Dale Foster, and Mr. Chelius stated that he would distribute final comments to the Board.

BOARD COMMENT

Freeholder Sullivan stated that he was not running for re-election and that December would be his last meeting and wished everyone good luck. Chairman Beyel commented that Mr. Sullivan has been an asset to the Board and then wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Approved Minutes Certified Correct:

Monica LoGuidice *for*
Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0812-25: Approving the Selection of Orth Rodgers & Associates, Inc. as Consultant for the FY 2009 Vineland Master Plan Circulation Element

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated under Federal law for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2009 SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program includes Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, a Selection Committee consisting of representatives of the City of Vineland Planning & Development, Cumberland County Engineer's Office, and SJTPO was formed; and

WHEREAS, the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee vested authority in the Selection Committee to forward a recommendation to the Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee selected Orth Rodgers & Associates, Inc. of West Trenton, NJ in association with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. and A-Tech Engineering, Inc., a Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firm,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves the above selection for the FY 2009 Vineland Master Plan Circulation Element; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Policy Board requests that the South Jersey Transportation Authority execute the appropriate contractual arrangements with the consultant on behalf of the SJTPO.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting of December 15, 2008.

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Monica LoGuidice for

Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0812-26: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement for the FY 2008 Air Quality Analysis to Extend the Termination Date

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated under federal law for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2007, the SJTPO Policy Board approved the selection of PB Americas, Inc. in association with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., Urbitran Associates, and Stump/Hausman as consultants for the FY 2008 Air Quality Analysis; and

WHEREAS, additional time was needed to complete this work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves an amendment to the Subcontract Agreement to extend the termination date from June 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008 for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Policy Board requests that the South Jersey Transportation Authority execute the appropriate contractual arrangements with the consultant on behalf of the SJTPO.

Certification

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Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0812-27: Amending the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Old Deerfield Pike (CR606): Bridgeton Avenue (CR659) to Silver Lake Road (CR704) Project

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated under Federal Law for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, MPOs are responsible for developing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that sets forth the capital expenditures for at least four years, as required by the Federal Metropolitan Planning Rule (23 CFR 450 C and 49 CFR 613 C); and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County proposes to amend the FY 2009-2012 TIP by adding the Old Deerfield Pike (CR606): Bridgeton Avenue (CR659) to Silver Lake Road (CR704) Project; and

WHEREAS, fiscal constraint in the TIP is maintained and this project is exempt from the requirement to determine conformity per Table 2, Sec. 93.126 of the conformity regulations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Transit, and SJTPO have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Procedures to Amend and Modify the SJTPO TIP and the State TIP; and

WHEREAS, this TIP amendment was recommended for Policy Board approval by the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); and

WHEREAS, public involvement requirements under SJTPO's adopted policy have been satisfied by a supplemental notice to the Citizens Advisory Committee mailing list and a specific opportunity for comment on the meeting agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby amends the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to include the aforementioned project.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting of December 15, 2009.

Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 0812-28: RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF CHARLES R. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland , and Salem Counties ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan ably represented Salem County and served on SJTPO Policy Board for four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan's participation supported SJTPO in its major accomplishments, such as South Jersey's regional transportation plans, the national award-winning South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance and Local Road Safety Audit Program, and many key capital projects for Southern New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the SJTPO wishes to recognize Mr. Sullivan's regional vision and ability to coordinate state and local issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization acknowledges the many contributions of CHARLES R. SULLIVAN and extends its gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the Southern New Jersey region.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting of December 15, 2008.

Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 0812-29: RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF DOUGLAS M. RAINEAR

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland , and Salem Counties ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rainear ably represented Cumberland County and served on SJTPO Policy Board for one year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rainear's participation supported SJTPO in its major accomplishments, such as South Jersey's regional transportation plans, the national award-winning South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance and Local Road Safety Audit Program, and many key capital projects for Southern New Jersey; and

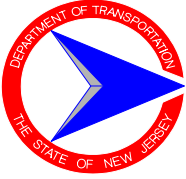
WHEREAS, the SJTPO wishes to recognize Mr. Rainear's regional vision and ability to coordinate state and local issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization acknowledges the many contributions of DOUGLAS M. RAINEAR and extends its gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the Southern New Jersey region.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting of December 15, 2008.

Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SHORE CONNECTION PROJECTS – December 2008

Status of various “Shore Connection” congestion relief/elimination improvement projects:

COMPLETED

Route 47/55 intersection (south of Millville) was a significant problem during peak summer weekend periods. A signal was installed in late 2001 which solved the problem.

Route 49/50 Corridor – A Pipeline 4/Maintenance assignment was made during April 2005 by the Capital Program Committee, for improved corridor wide signing along Routes 49, 50 and intersecting county routes. The signing will assist the “return trips” from shore areas to make it easier for drivers to find and use alternate routes. The Department installed 13 new alternate route signs in the corridor in late June/early July.

Route 50/CR 610, Upper Township – Due to limited data, there was no basis for the request of a signal timing change at this intersection. The other recommendation for “No Turn on Red” signs determined not to be necessary once brush and trees cleared from the sight triangle. Tree trimming completed.

Route 9 Intersection, Dennis Township – Work was completed and Signal was activated on June 10, 2008.

Route 50/Tuckahoe Road, Upper Township – Signal timing improvements
The revised signal timing was placed into operation on August 4, 2008.

PROJECTS in MAINTENANCE

Upper Township, Cape May County

During July 2005, the following intersection operation improvements were advanced into the FY 2006 project pool as Maintenance projects (Pipeline 4).

Route 50/Hope Corson Road, Upper Township - New traffic signal to be constructed and driveway access improvements. Traffic Engineering met with the township engineer and worked out design issues. Revisions are being made to address County concerns regarding limited sight distance.

The agreement has been forwarded to Cape May County for their signature. The electrical design is on hold pending receipt of the signed traffic signal agreement. The agreement was originally forwarded to Cape May County in 2006 and the need for them to return the agreement was reiterated in February 2008.

Route 9/CR 625 Sea Isle Boulevard

On November 15, 2006, the Capital Program Committee approved a breakout of this project to add and lengthen turning lanes at Routes 9/625. This project is being designed by the NJDOT Rapid Design Team. Construction by NJDOT-Maintenance is scheduled for the fall of 2007 using FY 2008 Congestion Relief Program funding.

The Rapid Design Team (RDT) during the investigation in 2007 made following decisions: There is significant development proposed for the NW quadrant of the intersection, which would significantly impact the operation of the intersection as was proposed.

The widening along the southbound Route 9 roadway is prohibited due to the relocation of utility poles and ROW acquisitions along Route 9 southbound. Utility relocations and ROW acquisitions are beyond the capabilities of this unit.

Based upon the above, the project was not advanced.

PROJECTS in CAPITAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (CPM)

Route 49/55 Interchange in Millville - Preliminary Design began in August of FY 2005 as Pipeline 2 project. Due to local concerns, the project was scaled back to eliminate an auxiliary lane through the interchange along Route 49. Approval to modify design signed February 2, 2007. This project will now include improvements to the Rt. 49/Wade Boulevard intersection. The project has completed Preliminary Design and is now in Final Design. Right of Way is currently being acquired. A public information center was held in July 2008. The designer is performing a site investigation and preparation of a PAECE report.

Route 47/CR 610 (Petersburg Road) & Route 47/CR 611 (Tyler Road) in Dennis Township

The construction of the combined project started in April 2008 and will be completed in the end of the year.

As of September 2008, all construction work, excluding the ITS cameras, has been completed. The ITS camera work is still being negotiated to a resolution by the Resident Engineer. Otherwise, the roadway and signals are fully operational.

PROJECTS in DIVISION of PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (DPD)-updated 12/12/08 by DPD

The overall Route 47/55 Shore Connection Study (of which the following intersections were part) was removed from the Study and Development Program in January 2008 because no further “breakouts” are forthcoming.

Route 9/CR 550 (Ocean View Drive)

In October 2008, DPD notified the County Engineer and the SJTPO of its intent to request removal of this project from the S&D program. The SJTPO has responded and requested that the project remain active. (County reportedly supports the project as well) DPD indicated that it will re-assess updated crash data and traffic volumes, which is essentially an effort to establish (or not) a “Purpose and Need Statement” for the project.

Next Steps: Evaluate and summarize crash data and traffic information and report back to the County and SJTPO.

Route 9/CR 625 (Sea Isle Blvd.)

The previously proposed improvements could not be advanced by the NJDOT Rapid Design Team due to issues with increased left turn volumes caused by new private development. In early 2009, DPD will begin efforts to update crash data and traffic information to assess possible “quick-fix” measures.

Route 47/347 and Route 49/50 Corridor Enhancements Concept Development Study

(Previously referred to as the Route 47 Reversible Lane Study) The concept was an alternative to building a 4 lane section, and would instead provide a 3-lane section with one lane having the ability to be reversed, or alternatively, use of an outside shoulder as a “peak period” lane to accommodate the heavy directional flow of weekend recreational traffic. The scope of this study also included identification of improved utilization of alternative routes, and potential passing lane opportunities and Intelligent Transportation System strategies for both corridors. Crash data analysis did not reveal obvious locations for passing lanes, and upon further study ITS strategies are deemed more appropriate than a reversible lane due to safety and context considerations.

DPD has met with Traffic Operations and ITS Engineering several times to discuss potential ITS strategies for these corridors. They were open to expanding the existing ITS infrastructure in the project area and have helped to select a number of proposed technologies. Summer 2006 traffic pattern/delay data has been collected and modeling of proposed ITS strategies has been conducted. At a meeting on January 24, 2007, Cumberland County, Cape May County and SJTPO supported conceptual ITS and intersection improvements along the subject corridors presented by the Department and offered input into their design. Dennis Township did not object to any of the preliminary recommendations presented to them on May 15, 2007.

DPD met with the ITS Engineering, Traffic Operations South and FHWA in May 2008 to present the proposed ITS improvements. Based on the comments received at this meeting, the proposed ITS improvements are being fine-tuned.

DPD also met with the Office of Emergency Management. Based on the comments received at this meeting, additional VMS are proposed.

NEXT STEPS: Meet with the agencies involved with the project to obtain acceptance of the proposed ITS improvements. Break out Route 47 ITS project to add cameras at signals and allow control by Traffic Operations Center in Cherry Hill, and Shore Connection Traveler Information project; and determine Maurice River Township's acceptance to proposed Route 47/55 intersection reconfiguration.

Route 47/347/CR 670 Intersection, Maurice River Township – Study focused on potential addition of auxiliary northbound lane through the intersection. Additional ROW would be required if auxiliary lane proposed. This is a probable Pipeline 2 project in Concept Development with potential NJDEP/Pinelands issues (Pre-App meeting did not identify any fatal flaws). “Historic highway corridor” does not appear to be an issue.

A meeting with Township officials, Office of Community Relations and DPD was held to discuss the concept plan on November 22, 2005. The proposed concept was not received well. Concerns were mostly directed toward the need for creating a safe gap in traffic for local residents who wish to enter and cross Route 47. Local residents appear to be willing to accept the project only if a traffic signal is installed on Route 47 in Port Elizabeth (near the school), which they believe will provide the desired gaps in traffic. In December 2005, Capital Investment Planning & Development requested that DPD conduct a Tier 2 screening for a traffic signal in Port Elizabeth. The Traffic Engineering & Investigations bureau conducted signal warrant analysis for the intersections of Route 47 with CR 548 and CR 646 in February 2006 and neither intersection warranted a traffic signal based on off-season counts. Summer '06 traffic counts at this intersection do not warrant a signal either. Gateway signage or traffic calming may be appropriate methods for slowing traffic through Port Elizabeth.

Review of the project need in spring 2006 has revealed extreme variability in delays/queues at the intersection over several years for which data was collected (most recent year – 2002). New traffic observations were made in summer of 2006 and examination of this data reveals that delays at this intersection are not severe when compared with other nearby locations, such as Route 47/347 intersection in Dennis Township. Due to local opposition and insufficient project need, DPD has ceased efforts to pursue the addition of intersection capacity.

Next Steps: None. Project terminated.

Route 47/347 intersection, in Dennis Township - Addition of auxiliary lanes through the intersection. Additional ROW is required. This is a potential Pipeline 2 project with potential NJDEP-SHPO and Green Acres issues. During June 2005, concept plans were developed which avoid encroachment into the Belleplain State Forest. “Historic highway corridor” potential does not appear to be an issue. Local officials offered verbal support of the southbound auxiliary lane

and improvements to Route 47 at a briefing in June 2006. They are opposed to the northbound auxiliary lane due to perceived safety issues.

Traffic data was collected in summer 2006, and examination of these data and preliminary traffic modeling reveals that severe southbound delays at this intersection are largely a result of the downstream traffic signals at CR 610 and 611. Queuing from these intersections backs up through the Route 47/347 intersection. Installation of the left-turn lanes at CR 610 and 611 will reduce queue length but will not eliminate congestion. And the addition of capacity at the 47/347 intersection will not yield sufficient benefit to justify the project because the 47/347 intersection is not the reason for delays. Due to lack of local support and the inability of this project to address the congestion problem, DPD has ceased efforts to pursue the addition of intersection capacity.

Next Steps: None. Project terminated.