

Policy Board Reorganization
Monday, January 26, 2009 - 11:00 A.M.
Vineland City Hall
First Floor Caucus Room

REVISED AGENDA

- a. Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Law Announcement
- b. Roll Call
- c. Reorganization
 1. Report of Nominating Committee
 2. Election of Officers
 3. [Resolution 0901-01](#): Adopting Annual Notice of Schedule of Regular Meetings
- d. Approval of Minutes: [December 15, 2008](#)
- e. Communications
- f. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee – John Peterson, Chairman
- g. Chairman's Remarks
- h. Report of the Executive Director - Timothy G. Chelius
- i. South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance [Report](#)
- j. New Business
 1. [Resolution 0901-02](#): Approving the Selection of PB Americas, Inc. as Consultant for the FY 2009 Air Quality Analysis
 2. [Resolution 0901-03](#): Amending the Subcontract Agreement for FY 2009 Road Safety Audit Project Development
 3. [Resolution 0901-04](#): Recognizing the Services of Thomas Russo
 4. Proposed FY 2010 [STP-SJ Local Lead](#) Projects
 5. NJDOT Update: Rebuild America: Economic Stimulus Proposal – Thomas A. Wospil, Director, NJDOT Capital Investment Strategies
 6. [Shore Connection Report](#)
- k. Public Comment
- l. Adjournment

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0901-01: Adopting Annual Notice of Schedule of Regular Meetings

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) require the Policy Board at its Annual Meeting to adopt any notice of meetings then required by the "Open Public Meetings Law;" and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, PL-1975 c.235, requires that the Policy Board of the SJTPO, as a public body, within seven days following the annual organization meeting:

(1) post prominently and maintain posted throughout the year in at least one public place reserved for such or similar announcements,

(2) mail to at least two newspapers, which newspapers shall be designated to receive such notices because they have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the SJTPO's area of jurisdiction, and

(3) submit to the clerk or chief administrative officer of SJTPO and each county clerk of each county encompassed within the jurisdiction of the SJTPO, a schedule of the regular meetings of the Policy Board of the SJTPO to be held during the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby adopts the attached Annual Notice of Schedule of Regular Meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Press of Atlantic City, The Bridgeton Evening News, The Daily Journal, and Today's Sunbeam are hereby designated to receive the Annual Notice and any other Open Public Meetings Law notices which may be required during the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall cause the Annual Notice to be posted, mailed, and submitted as required by the Open Public Meetings Law within seven days following this meeting.

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 January 26, 2009.

Monica LoGuidice

Monica LoGuidice for

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Policy Board Meeting

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

Vineland City Hall , 1st Floor Caucus Room

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 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 December 10, 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 (Not Present)
Lorenzo Langford, 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)
Kathleen Hicks, City of Vineland
Robert Brewer, Cumberland County
Dan Orr, Cumberland County (By Phone)
Brian Cuccia, NJDOT (By Phone)
Brian Wahler, NJ Turnpike Authority (By Phone)
Timothy Chelius, SJTPO
Monica LoGuidice, SJTPO
John Petersack, SJTPO (By Phone)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27, 2008

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Howard Immordino, the minutes of October 27, 2008 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Chelius reviewed the December 8th letter received from the Director of the I-95 Corridor Coalition, welcoming the SJTPO as an official Affiliate Member. Mr. Chelius noted that the Coalition's Policy & Strategic Planning Committee addresses a number of issues relevant to the SJTPO area, including safety.

Mr. Chelius stated that the 2009 schedule of meetings was included in the Board packet for review, and that it is scheduled for approval at the Reorganization Meeting. He noted that a June meeting is proposed due to NJDOT's recommendation to accelerate the TIP cycle, with full adoption in June.

Howard Immordino mentioned that the Policy Board may need to have a special meeting between January and March to deal with the Federal Economic Stimulus Plan. Mr. Chelius stated that the Economic Stimulus Plan involves the potential for additional funding, and the Department has asked for any projects that could be authorized and advertised shortly after the package is signed into law.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Robert Brewer reported that at the December 4, 2008 meeting, TAC recommended Board approval of the following scheduled action items, adding best wishes to Charles Sullivan and Douglas Rinear.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Beyel reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of Freeholder Russo, Freeholder Rinear, and Freeholder Sullivan recommends that Chairman Beyel remain Chairman, Freeholder Russo remain Vice-Chairman, and make further recommendations once the Cumberland and Salem County representatives are appointed. He then wished everyone a healthy and prosperous holiday season.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Chelius reported that the Local Lead Program is underway, with County Planners and Engineers to meet in January to review and reaffirm the program of approximately \$10 million of STP-SJ funds for construction, scoping and design projects for the SJTPO region. Also, he stated that the Congestion Management Air Quality Program for FY 2010, which includes approximately \$1.9 million in CMAQ projects, is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 0812-25: Approving Consultant Selection for the FY 2009 Vineland Master Plan

On Motion by Committeeman Ridgway and seconded by Mayor Desiderio, Resolution 0812-25 was opened for discussion. Executive Director Chelius reported that the Notice was sent to approximately 130 firms, with six proposals received by the Selection Committee consisting of the City of Vineland Planning & Development, Cumberland County Engineer's Office, and SJTPO. The Selection Committee recommends Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc. of West Trenton, in association with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. and A-Tech Engineering, Inc. to conduct the Plan for a total cost of \$60,000.00, with a 15.7% DBE allocation. With no further comment, Resolution 0812-25 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

On Motion by Vice Chairman Russo and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, Resolution 0812-26 was opened for discussion. Executive Director Chelius reported that EPA issued new budgets in early June, which required additional work for the air quality conformity process, which requires an extension of the termination date to compensate the consultant out of FY 2009 budget. With no further comment, Resolution 0812-26 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, Resolution 0812-27 was opened for discussion. Executive Director Chelius reported that Cumberland County Engineer Dan Orr proposes to add a new project (Old Deerfield Pike resurfacing) in exchange for reductions in two other projects (no additional funding required). With no further comment, Resolution 0812-27 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4. Resolution 0812-28: Recognizing the Services of Charles R. Sullivan

On Motion by Committeeman Ridgway and seconded by Vice Chairman Russo, Resolution 0812-28 was opened for discussion. Chairman Beyel reported that Freeholder Sullivan did not seek re-election this year and will be ending his service effective this meeting. With no further comment, Resolution 0812-28 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Resolution 0812-29: Recognizing the Services of Douglas M. Rainear

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, Resolution 0812-29 was opened for discussion. Chairman Beyel reported that Freeholder Rainear was elected Cumberland County Surrogate and will no longer be serving as Freeholder. With no further comment, Resolution 0812-29 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Howard Immordino, the Policy Board unanimously appointed Monica LoGuidice as Acting Secretary in lieu of Freeholder Sullivan to sign resolutions. Chairman Beyel thanked Monica for her help.

NJDOT Updates: Shore Connection Projects, Beesley's Point Bridge , NJ Route 52 Project

Chairman Beyel reported that the County of Cape May has approved an agreement to take over the Beesley's Point Bridge with a possible completion of interim repairs by December.

Howard Immordino reported that the NJ Route 52 Project (Contract B) is scheduled to proceed in April and is part of the Economic Stimulus Plan. The Department is requesting full funding for the project rather than the GARVEE Bonds. Brian Cuccia, NJDOT Capital Investment Strategies reported on the attached Shore Connection Report of December 2008.

Howard Immordino reported that Jennifer Godowski was named Deputy Commissioner of NJDOT, and Mr. Chelius asked if Mr. Cuccia could e-mail the notice so that he could circulate it to the Board.

Brian Wahler commented that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has a new Planning Director who looks forward to meeting the Board members in January or February.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mayor Desiderio and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approved Minutes Certified Correct:

Monica LoGuidice

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Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SJTSA Update – January 2009

NEW WEBSITE – NJDETA.ORG

- NJ Driver Education Teacher Association
- The Alliance is working with NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety and NJ Motor Vehicle Commission to develop a website for driver education teachers
- First meeting is January 22
- The Alliance will publish and maintain for now

CAPE MAY COUNTY SHERIFF 'S TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

- The Alliance will host two or three task force meetings in 2009 to get the task force up and running and re-establish on-going Alliance programs such as: the Buckle Up Stencil, child safety seat inspections and *THINK SAFETY*
- The CMC Sheriff's Office will submit a grant for FY 2010
- The first meeting is Wed, March 11, at 9 AM at the Avalon Country Club

2009 SEAT BELT OBSERVATION SURVEY

- Add on component is the seat belt use for commercial vehicle drivers
- RFP's due Friday, February 20
- SJTPO Policy Board Consultant Approval, Monday, March 23

CPS Certification Course April 29-May 2

CPS Continuing Education Units Course April 28

Salem County Vo-Tech School

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES SCHEDULED

- Sat, Jan 24 at Cape May County Public Safety Building
- Sat, Feb 7 at the Salem County Hospital
- March 10 and 11 Lower Cape May Regional High School

LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE

- The Alliance is preparing an application for the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Multi-Jurisdictional DUI Checkpoints
- Due May 1

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0901-02: Approving the Selection of PB Americas, Inc. as Consultant for the FY 2009 Air Quality Analysis

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, staff recommends PB Americas, Inc., in association with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., AECOM (formerly Urbitran Associates) and Stump/Hausman, Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms,

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 Air Quality Analysis, with a maximum fee of \$40,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Policy Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute scope of work and cost modifications to the original contract amount, provided that funding is available and such modifications have been approved by the NJDOT and Project Sponsor.

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.

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SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0901-03: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement for the FY 2009 Road Safety Audit Project Development Assistance

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 28, 2008, the SJTPO Policy Board approved the selection of Orth Rodgers & Associates, Inc. as consultants for the FY 2009 Road Safety Audit Project Development Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the project budget and original scope of services included \$75,000 for project development assistance; and

WHEREAS, Cape May County desires to use budgeted services for safety projects for crash investigation at Ninth and West Avenues and traffic calming recommendations for Bay Avenue, both in Ocean City,

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 add \$12,151 to the contract fee to bring the total nearly to the original budgeted Unified Planning Work Program allocation; 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.

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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. Russo ably represented Atlantic County and served on SJTPO Policy Board for one year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russo'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. Russo'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 THOMAS RUSSO and extends its gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the Southern New Jersey region.

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South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization

Proposed FY 2010 STP-SJ Local Lead Projects

Atlantic County

Somers Point-Mays Landing Rd., Rt. 9 to Bridge EH-21, Resurfacing	\$ 675,000
First Rd., Twelfth St. to Weymouth Rd., Resurfacing	\$ 1,364,000
Design for Duerer & Pomona Roads Repaving	\$ 100,000

Cape May County

Sea Isle Blvd., Sec. II, Parkway to Ludlums Thorofare, Reconstruction	\$ 2,356,000 *
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Cumberland County

Sherman Avenue @ the Boulevards, Reconstruction	\$ 2,000,000 **
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Salem County

Salem-Hancocks Bridge Road, Phase I Resurfacing	\$ 1,000,000
Salem-Hancocks Bridge Road, Phase II Resurfacing	\$ 800,000

City of Vineland

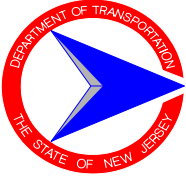
Dante Ave. Phase II, Venezia Rd. to Union Rd., Resurfacing	\$ 1,390,000
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SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program

Metropolitan Planning Funds for Subregional Support	\$ 240,000
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* Total does not include \$1,515,000 of HPP-20 funds in FY 2010.

** Total does not include \$1,120,000 of HPP-20 funds in FY 2010.



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SHORE CONNECTION PROJECTS – JANUARY 2009

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.

However, the Roadway design Team (RDT) was asked to evaluate the intersection to see if there were some minor widening possibilities that would allow the installation of a left turn lane and therefore break the logjam. The RDT has taken over the project and its design.

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 revised PD submission was made on May 23, 2008. Proposed sidewalks and drainage will be retained per Millville's request east of the interchange. It is under design and the construction planned for 2009.

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.

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.