

Policy Board Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2009 - 11:00 A.M.

Vineland City Hall - City Council Caucus Room, First Floor
Seventh and Wood Streets

Please Contact Monica LoGuidice if you wish to participate by phone.

AGENDA

- a. Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Law Announcement
- b. Roll Call
- c. Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2009
- d. Communications
- e. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee – John Peterson, Chairman
- f. Chairman's Remarks
- g. Report of the Executive Director - Timothy G. Chelius
- h. South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance Report - Teresa Thomas
- i. New Business
 - 1. Resolution 0906-19: Amending the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (aka Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line Project
 - 2. Resolution 0906-20: Approving the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 STP-SJ Local Lead Program
 - 3. Resolution 0906-21: Approving the FY 2010 Local CMAQ Project List
 - 4. Resolution 0906-22: Adopting the SJTPO FY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 - 5. Resolution 0906-23: Self Certifying the SJTPO Transportation Planning Process
 - 6. Resolution 0906-24: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the Commissioner's Pike Phase III Scoping Project
 - 7. Resolution 0906-25: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the Sherman Avenue (CR 552) Boulevards Design Project
 - 8. Resolution 0906-26: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the Buckshutem Road Bridge Design Project
 - 9. NJDOT Updates: State Inspector General Task Force for Internal Controls: Local Stimulus Project Oversight and Reporting
- j. Public Comment
- k. Adjournment

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Policy Board Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2009 - 11:00 A.M.
Vineland City Hall, 1st Floor Caucus Room

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Executive Director Timothy Chelius, 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 April 20, 2009 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)
Frank Sutton, Atlantic County (By Phone)
Louis Magazzu, Cumberland County (By Phone)
Beth Timberman, Salem County (By Phone)
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)
Thomas Wospil, NJDOT (By Phone)
Pippa Woods, NJ Transit (By Phone)
Kathleen Aufschneider, SJTA (By Phone)

Also in attendance:

Maria DeTitto, Angelini, Viniar & Freedman (By Phone)
John Fearheller, Atlantic City Engineer (By Phone)
John Peterson, Atlantic County (By Phone)
Kathleen Hicks, City of Vineland
Denise Monaco, City of Vineland
Brian Myers, City of Vineland
Robert Brewer, Cumberland County
Howard Immordino, NJDOT (By Phone)
Brian Wahler, NJ Turnpike Authority
Barry Felice, AA Plus Cab LLC
Timothy Chelius, SJTPO
Monica LoGuidice, SJTPO
John Petersack, SJTPO
Michael Reeves, SJTPO
Teresa Thomas, SJTSA

MINUTES – March 16, 2009 Stimulus Mtg.

On Motion by Vice Chairman Sutton and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the Minutes of March 16, 2009 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MINUTES – March 23, 2009

On Motion by Vice Chairman Sutton and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the Minutes of March 23, 2009 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman John Peterson reported that at the April 13, 2009 meeting, TAC recommended Board approval of the following scheduled action items.

SOUTH JERSEY TRAFFIC SAFETY ALLIANCE

Teresa Thomas reviewed the Alliance's FY 2010 grant application totaling \$93,050.00 which includes continuing with the THINK SAFETY program (pedestrian, bicycle and motorcycle safety) for June, July and August, concentrating on increasing booster seat use (which is only 50%) for children 4 to 8 years old, addressing teen driving safety and educating parents about the Graduated Drivers License (GDL) law.

Ms Thomas explained that all four of the county sheriff's in the region were submitting FY2010 grants to establish full community traffic safety programs and how that would affect and change the role of the Alliance. In particular she said that the Alliance would not hold any more meetings but instead attend the county task force meetings to update members on Alliance activities and seek participation. She also said that the Alliance would be concentrating more on training.

Regarding upcoming events, Ms Thomas announced that a GDL pilot program to educate parents of teen drivers was scheduled for May 14 at the Egg Harbor Township High School from 6 to 8 PM. It includes presentations from a driver education teacher on the driver education classroom curriculum and permitting, a presentation by Egg Harbor Twp Police Department about the GDL Law and teen crash statistics and the parents role and concludes with a presentation by the Alliance on the parents liability when with a teen driver and criminal vs civil law suits. The Alliance is considering this a pilot program with the hopes of taking the program region-wide.

Ms. Thomas announced that the Alliance had partnered with the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for the 2009 THINK SAFETY Kickoff on the morning of May 14 focusing on bike safety. The event includes a bike ride with students from schools along the bike path to War Memorial Park in Linwood where the Alliance's new mascot SPLASH will be introduced. Ms. Thomas reported that the Alliance acquired Atlantic City Surf's former mascot "SPLASH" and is in the process of creating a THINK SAFETY uniform for him and that he will go to schools and events to promote traffic safety.

Concluding, Ms Thomas announced that State Farm awarded two grants to the Alliance, one in the amount of \$650 for the THINK SAFETY Kick Off and the second for \$2,100.00 for child passenger safety seat checks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 0904-15: Endorsing the Ranking of Applications for the Round 10 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Competitive Grant Program

On Motion by Freeholder Desiderio and seconded by Freeholder Sutton, Resolution 0904-15 was opened for discussion. Michael Reeves reported that each year the SJTPO is responsible for reviewing applications for the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) program. This program helps fund transportation services that facilitate access to jobs for persons of low income and those on welfare. As required by NJ Transit, the Selection Committee ranks and prioritizes JARC applications, and with Board approval, submits the recommendations to NJ Transit.

This year NJ Transit added the New Freedom program, which SJTPO is responsible for ranking. This program helps fund transportation services for the disabled and to expand mobility options beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The call for JARC and New Freedom applications went out early in January, and applications were received in late February. Applicants were told that this is a two-year application process, and that the next round would not happen until the beginning of 2011.

A JARC/New Freedom Ranking Committee was formed, consisting of representatives from NJ Transit, NJ Department of Human Services, SJTA, SJTPO and the Planning Departments of Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties. In addition, an entirely new application form for both, and new ranking criteria was developed.

SJTPO received a total of four applications for the JARC Program as follows: Cumberland County Improvement Authority, Salem County Interagency Council of Human Services, Pearl Transit in Salem County, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA). The applications were reviewed and ranked by the Application Ranking Committee, based on a summary of their ranking, they were ranked (with "1" as the highest rank") as follows:

1. Pearl Transit (County-Wide Demand-Responsive System)
2. Salem County Interagency Council of Human Services (Demand-Responsive System)
3. SJTA – Pleasantville to Marina Shuttle
4. Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CATS System)

It should be noted that SJTA was the only applicant applying (and competing) for funding under the JARC Atlantic City Large Urban Area program, and therefore would be the only applicant ranked for this category of funding. All other applicants are applying for the JARC Small Urban and Rural programs. With no further comment, Resolution 0904-15 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2. Resolution 0904-16: Endorsing the Ranking of Applications for the Current New Freedom Competitive Grant Program

On Motion by Committeeman Ridgway and seconded by Freeholder Timberman, Resolution 0904-16 was opened for discussion. Michael Reeves reported that SJTPO received proposals for funding under the current rounds of the New Freedom program from the County of Salem (Planning Department), Pearl Transit in Salem County, and the County of Atlantic County (Department of Human Services). The application from Salem County includes, and has been separated for ranking purposes into 3 separate transit-related projects.

The three applications and five projects have been reviewed and ranked by the Application Ranking Committee. Based on a summary of this ranking, the five projects included in the applications submitted for funding under the New Freedom program have been ranked (with “1” as the highest rank”) as follows:

1. Pearl Transit - County-Wide Demand-Responsive System for the disabled-(funding for system operating costs)
2. County of Atlantic -Department of Human Services - County-Wide Demand-Responsive System for the disabled- (capital funding for purchase of vehicles)
3. County of Salem - Planning Department - Demand-Responsive System for the disabled – (funding for purchase of a vehicle and for system operating costs)
4. County of Salem - Planning Department – Funding (partial) for a county coordinator to implement the County Human Service Transportation Plan
5. County of Salem - Planning Department – Capital funding to provide a handicap accessible ramp and a handicap accessible bus shelter

Mr. Reeves noted that Atlantic County is the only one of the three applicants applying for funding under the New Freedom Atlantic City Large Urban funding program, and so is the top ranked project for this funding category. The other two applicants are applying for funding under the New Freedom Small Urban and Rural funding programs. With no further comment, Resolution 0904-16 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. Resolution 0904-17: Endorsing a Highway Safety Project Grant from the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance

On Motion by Vice Chairman Sutton and seconded by Freeholder Timberman, Resolution 0904-17 was opened for discussion. Teresa Thomas explained that the Alliance will continue to focus on teen driving, occupant protection, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety and motorcycle safety. The FY 2010 grant amount is for a total of \$93,050.00. With no further comment, Resolution 0904-17 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4. Resolution 0904-18: Approving an Amendment to the FY 2009-2018 Transportation Improvement Program to Change the Limits in the Current TIP to Include the Limits for Sections 6A, 6B, and 4C of Tilton Road and Add Two New Projects

On Motion by Freeholder Sutton and seconded by Freeholder Timberman, Resolution 0904-18 was opened for discussion. Executive Director Chelius explained that this item was approved at the last Board meeting, but he had neglected to add the two new projects in the CAC notice. With no further comment, Resolution 0904-18 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Draft SJTPO FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Projects and Regional Programs: Discussion

Executive Director Chelius reported that in response to NJDOT’s request, the SJTPO is on an accelerated schedule this year and will have the TIP available for endorsement at the June meeting. In lieu of a formal public release, the SJTPO has started the Public Involvement Process by assembling the draft, preparing the release to libraries and agencies, and scheduling the Public Hearing and Public Comment period. John Petersack then reviewed projects in the TIP Project Summary sheet, stating that all Stimulus projects are included in the TIP.

6. NJDOT Update: Shore Connection Projects and NJ Route 52 Project

Howard Immordino reported that bids are scheduled for the Rt. 52 project on May 14 with an anticipated award date of June 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

On Motion by Thomas Wospil and seconded by Committeeman Ridgway, the Policy Board unanimously approved Monica LoGuidice as acting Secretary in place of Louis Magazzu to sign resolutions.

Thomas Wospil thanked everyone for their cooperation and proactive approach to the economic stimulus process. He stressed the importance of the local projects being submitted to NJDOT as soon as possible, stating that this will give the opportunity for possible additional funding through economic stimulus or federal funding in the future. Freeholder Director Magazzu questioned how to go about keeping on top of the process. Howard Immordino replied that there will be a website to track the project process. Mr. Wospil explained that first the PS and E packages need to get to the respective Local Aid engineers, then tracking can be verified on the website to determine the progress, advertisement, and bid schedule. Howard Immordino stated that as each project gets authorized, Mr. Chelius will be informed. Mr. Chelius stated that Local Aid has regular meetings with the County Engineers, and Freeholder Director Magazzu suggested that the County Engineer give him monthly updates on the projects.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved Minutes Certified Correct:

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dated: June 12, 2009

SUMMARY

This minor TIP amendment is being recommended for Policy Board approval per Section A(1) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit Corporation dated August 16, 2006. This TIP amendment was recommended for Policy Board approval by the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee on June 8, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The SJTPO seeks to amend the Fiscal Year 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the following project:

- Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (AKA Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line, CR557

This project is proposed to be added to the FY 2009-2012 TIP as a result of releases due to low contract bids on FY2009 ARRA projects. ARRA (Economic Recovery) funds are not subject to normal STIP Fiscal constraint.

This project will provide an at-grade crossing on essentially the same alignment. The existing structure has two 12-foot travel lanes with three-foot shoulders and will be demolished. It is therefore exempt under the provision of the EPA Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Table 2). This TIP amendment is being recommended for Policy Board approval on:

Monday, June 22, 2009
Vineland City Hall, 1st Floor Caucus Room
640 E. Wood Street, Vineland, NJ

COMMENT PROCEDURE

Any interested party may submit comment on the proposed modifications. **Written comment must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday June 19, 2009** and may be mailed to SJTPO, 782 S. Brewster Road, Unit B-6, Vineland, NJ 08361; faxed to (856) 794-2549; or emailed to sjtpo@sjtpo.org. Also, an opportunity for verbal comment will be provided prior to Board action at the Policy Board meeting listed above. For more information, contact Timothy Chelius, Executive Director, at (856) 794-1941.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-19: Amending the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (aka Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line 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, the NJDOT proposes to amend the FY 2009-2012 TIP by adding the Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (aka Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line 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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 0906-20: Approving the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 STP-SJ Local Lead Program

PROPOSAL

At its June 8, 2009 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board endorse the attached FY 2010-2013 Local Lead program to be funded from SJTPO's allocation of federal Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-SJ).

BACKGROUND

The annual solicitation for new Local Lead candidates has been completed and the TAC has evaluated the FY 2010-2013 pool of Local Lead projects. The attached Resolution will endorse the resulting program for the available funds for use in developing the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Nearly \$10 million is available for Local Lead projects annually from FY 2010-2013, and the program includes STP funds devoted to planning for member counties in SJTPO's Subregional Planning Program. This multi-year programming will enable SJTPO member agencies to fund local construction projects that exceed an agency's typical STP-SJ share. It should also be noted that the Local Lead Program will be re-evaluated every year with subsequent action by the Policy Board.

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 St., 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.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-20: Approving the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 STP-SJ Local Lead Program

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, MPO's 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 450C and 49 CFR 613C); and

WHEREAS, SJTPO prioritizes and selects the Local Lead projects to be funded with its allocation of federal Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-SJ); and

WHEREAS, the projects in the unconstrained FY 2010-2013 STP-SJ Local Lead Project Pool have been evaluated resulting in the attached program of projects for the available \$10 million per year; and

WHEREAS, this FY 2010-2013 ranking of the Pool reflects the priorities of the region for development of the FY 2010-2013 TIP, subject to the normal public involvement process after the draft TIP is prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the attached FY 2010-2013 STP-SJ Local Lead Program.

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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 0906-21: Approving the FY 2010 Local CMAQ Project List

PROPOSAL

At its June 8, 2009 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the attached project ranking for FY 2010 CMAQ funds.

BACKGROUND

The SJTPO Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program includes \$1,900,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds for air quality improvement and traffic congestion reduction projects.

Projects proposed for the funding allocation for FY 2010 include:

- Atlantic County - \$570,000
Bus Purchase
- Cape May County - \$388,000
Bus Purchase
- Cumberland County - \$349,336
Vineland Shuttle
- Cumberland County - \$120,000
CATS Hybrid Vehicles
- SJTA - \$110,000
ACY & Stockton SC Shuttle
- SJTA - \$110,000
ACIA/Delilah Road Shuttle
- Cumberland County - \$59,664
CATS Hybrid Vehicles
- SJTA - \$133,000
Bus Replacement
- Atlantic County - \$60,000
Bus Purchase

Projects were submitted by SJTPO member agencies. SJTPO reviewed and presented projects to the Technical Advisory Committee on several occasions including the draft final list on June 8, 2009. The proposals had been analyzed for their potential emissions reductions by an independent consultant using AQONE computer modeling, and all eligible projects can be funded with the FY 2010 allocation. One project – the Cumberland County Fairton Village Sidewalk Project – is ineligible for CMAQ funds per FHWA and NJDOT guidelines. The TAC then recommended the final project list for Policy Board consideration.

Favorable Policy Board action will enable CMAQ projects to proceed to receive FY 2010 CMAQ funding through the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-21: Approving the FY 2010 Local CMAQ Project List

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPPO) 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 SJTPPO will formally adopt the FY 2010-2013 TIP on June 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) is administered by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, \$1.9 M of CMAQ funding is allocated to SJTPPO for FY 2010; and

WHEREAS, the following projects will be funded under this ranking: Bus Purchase, Atlantic County; Bus Purchase, Cape May County; Vineland Shuttle, Cumberland County; CATS Hybrid Vehicles, Cumberland County; ACY & Stockton SC Shuttle, SJTA; ACIA/Delilah Road Shuttle, SJTA; CATS Hybrid Vehicles, Cumberland County, Bus Replacement, SJTA, and Bus Replacement, Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the SJTPPO Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the proposals for FY 2010 CMAQ funding as indicated on the attached chart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby adopts the FY 2010 CMAQ Project List to receive FY 2010 CMAQ funding through the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 0906-22: Adopting the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

PROPOSAL

At its June 8, 2009 meeting, the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program, including its determination of air quality conformity.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2009 the Policy Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee received notice by mail that draft SJTPO TIP was available for view on the website and was informed of its release for public comment. On June 4, 2009, the public meeting was held on the draft TIP for review and comment.

Since then, the formal public involvement process has been completed and no comments were received from the public. Comments were received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and these changes will appear in the final adopted TIP. The draft final Transportation Conformity Report of June 2009 is also attached, and will be included in the final TIP.

Adopting the attached resolution will approve the recommended responses and authorize staff to carry them out.

As usual, changes to the draft TIP are needed and will be incorporated into the final TIP. These include:

- Inserting a Transition Projects List (if applicable)
- Updating tables, graphs, and project map to reflect any changes
- Minor editing as needed

**NJDOT Comments and SJTPO Updates
on the**

FY2010-2019 SJTPO Draft TIP
June 14, 2009

SJTPO Region Updates:

1. Airport Circle Elimination (DB# S9820) should be reprogrammed to FY 2010. The new amount is \$0.758 M of HPP20 high priority funds in FY 2010.
2. Cape May County Bridge Painting (DB# FSS09685) construction should be added for \$3.95 M of ARRA-SJ funds in FY 2010. This project consolidates the following individualized ARRA-SJ construction projects which will be eliminated:
 - a. Ocean Drive Bridge over Grassy Sound (DB# FSS09526) \$2.05 M
 - b. Ocean Drive Bridge over Townsends Inlet (DB# FSS09525) \$2.4 M
3. Cumberland County Road Program (DB# FSS09686) construction should be added for \$2.35 M of ARRA-SJ funds in FY 2010. This project consolidates the following individualized ARRA-SJ construction projects which will be eliminated:
 - a. Cornwell Drive, CR622 (DB# FSS09541) \$0.35 M
 - b. Irving Avenue, CR552 (DB# FSS09529) \$0.6 M
 - c. Sherman Avenue, CR552 (DB# FSS09530) \$1.515 M
 - d. Wade Boulevard, NJ 49 to CR 552S, (CR 678) (DB# FSS09549) \$0.825 M
 - e. West Avenue, CR607 (DB# FSS09538) \$0.7 M
 - f. West Park Avenue, CR621 (DB# FSS09540) \$0.35 M
 - g. Wheaton Avenue, CR555 (DB# FSS09536) \$0.15 M
4. The following ARRA projects remain:
 - a. Harmersville-Pecks Corner Road, CR667 (DB# FSS09556) \$0.838 M
 - b. South East Avenue, Chestnut to Landis Avenue (DB# FSS09553) \$1.069 M
5. The following former Salem County ARRA candidate project should be removed:
 - a. Auburn-Pointers Road, CR 641 to CR 551 (CR 646) (DB# FSS09557) \$0.895M
6. The following former local ARRA candidate projects should be removed:
 - a. Almond Road, CR 540 (DB# FSS09528) \$0.525 M
 - b. Atlantic Street, CR 697 (DB# FSS09551) \$0.225 M
 - c. Avalon Boulevard (DB# FSS09558) \$1.191 M
 - d. Bayshore Road Safety Project, CR 603 (DB# FSS09559) \$0.95 M
 - e. Bridgeton-Port Norris Road, CR 553 (DB# FSS09566) \$2.9 M
 - f. Buckshutem Road, CR 670 (DB# FSS09548) \$1.78 M

- g. Burlington Road, CR 638 (DB# FSS09543) \$0.7 M
 - h. Cedarville Road, CR 610/655 (DB# FSS09539) \$1.6 M
 - i. Centerton Road, CR 553, CR 611 (DB# FSS09568) \$1.1 M
 - j. College Avenue, CR 628 (DB# FSS09542) \$1.0 M
 - k. Dante Avenue, Bridge over Menantico Creek (DB# FSS09563) \$0.5 M
 - l. East Park Avenue (DB# FSS09554) \$0.965 M
 - m. Fairton-Gouldtown Road, CR 553 (DB# FSS09567) \$0.75 M
 - n. Fairton-Millville Road, CR 698 (DB# FSS09552) \$0.825 M
 - o. Glade Road, Bridge over Riggins Ditch, CR 616 (DB# FSS09560) \$2.0 M
 - p. Harmony Road, Bridge over Cohansey River (DB# FSS09562) \$0.5 M
 - q. Lincoln Avenue, CR 655 (DB# FSS09547) \$1.75 M
 - r. Main Road, CR 555 (DB# FSS09537) \$1.15 M
 - s. Traffic Signal Replacement, Vineland City (DB# FSS09555) \$0.462 M
 - t. Traffic Signal Upgrade, Wildwood City (DB# FSS09527) \$0.5 M
 - u. Wade Boulevard, CR 552S to CR 555, (CR 678) (DB# FSS09550) \$0.35 M
 - v. West Avenue, CR607 (DB# FSS09538) \$0.7 M
 - w. West Park Drive Bridge (DB# FSS09561) \$0.5 M
7. Tuckahoe Road NJT Bridge (AKA Jim Lee Crossing), Cape May Branch Rail Line, CR 557 (DB# 98516) construction cost should be reduced to \$7.243 M of Bridge funds in FY 2010.
 8. Route 9, Bennett's Crossing, Intersection Improvements (DB# 95043) construction cost should be reduced to \$8.584 M of HSIP funds in FY 2011.
 9. Route 49/55, Interchange Improvements at Route 55 (DB# 2149H) construction cost should be reduced to \$21.165 M of State funds in FY 2010.
 10. Route 50, Tuckahoe River Bridge (2E 3B) (DB# 242) construction cost should be increased to \$7.8 M of Bridge, \$2.92 M of HPP20 and \$7.881 M of STP funds in FY 2010.

New Jersey - Statewide Program Updates:

1. Betterments, Bridge Preservation (DB # X72A) funding should be adjusted between federal and state in FY 2010 through FY 2013. The new amounts are \$5.711 M of I-Maintenance funds and \$17.389 M of State funds in FY 2010, \$4.837 M of I-Maintenance funds and \$21.663 M of State funds in FY 2011, \$6.679 M of I-Maintenance funds and \$22.821 M of State funds in FY 2012, and \$6.878M of I-Maintenance funds and \$24.622 M of State funds in FY 2013.
2. Bridge Deck Patching Program (DB# 06385) funding should be decreased in FY 2010 through FY 2013. The new amount is \$1.0 M of State funds in FY 2010 – FY 2013.
3. Highway Safety Improvement Program Planning (DB # 09388) funding should be transferred to the Rutgers Transportation Safety Resource Center (TSRC) (04364). The new amount is \$3.3 M of HSIP funds in FY 2010 - FY 2013.
4. Intelligent Transportation Systems (DB# 03305) State funding should be decreased in FY 2010. The new amount is \$0.5 M of State funds in FY 2010.
5. National Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (DB# 01342) should have an additional \$5.0 M of ARRA-NBIG funds added in FY 2010.
6. Rutgers Transportation Safety Resource Center (TSRC) (04364) funding should be broken out from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Planning (DB # 09388). The new amount is \$1.3 M of EB funds in FY 2010 - FY 2013.
7. Statewide Traffic Management/Information Program (DB# 06324) State funding should be decreased in FY 2010. The new amount is \$0.4 M of State funds in FY 2010.
8. Unanticipated Design, Right of Way and Construction Expenses, State (DB# X11) State funding should be adjusted in FY 2010, FY 2011 and FY 2013. The new amounts are \$29.939 M in FY 2010, \$25.098 M in FY 2011 and \$20.178 M in FY 2013.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-22: Adopting the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

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 significant surface transportation projects for at least four years, as required by the Federal Metropolitan Planning Rule (23 CFR 450 and 500; and 49 CFR 613C); and

WHEREAS, the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 TIP was developed in accordance with the requirements of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

WHEREAS, the transportation plans and programs developed by the SJTPO are required to conform to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan for air quality control and Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)); and

WHEREAS, the TIP is consistent with the current conforming Plan; and

WHEREAS, the processes for interagency consultation and public involvement required by the Conformity Rule have been met; and

WHEREAS, citizens, private transportation providers, and all interested parties have had an opportunity to participate and have their views considered in the development of the TIP and its Conformity Determination; and

WHEREAS, no comments were received from the public, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby determines that the SJTPO FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program conforms to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan and the Clean Air Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Policy Board hereby adopts the FY 2010-2013 TIP.

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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 0906-23: Self-Certifying the SJTPO Transportation Planning Process

PROPOSAL

At its June 8, 2009 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt a resolution self-certifying the SJTPO Transportation Planning Process as required by Federal regulations.

BACKGROUND

Under the current Federal Planning regulations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) must annually certify that their transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-23: Self-Certifying the SJTPO Transportation Planning Process

WHEREAS, the Federal regulations pertaining to Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Part 450 of Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, published in the Federal Register dated October 28, 1993, require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to annually certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that their transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to these regulations published in the Federal Register dated May 25, 2000, add requirements which are included in the list below; and

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 SJTPO planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area; and

WHEREAS, the SJTPO planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303-5306, which require a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals;**
- (2) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)), and 40 CFR part 93, which require that implementation plans in metropolitan areas be in conformance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments;**
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000 d-1), 49 CFR part 21, and 23 CFR part 230, and the Title VI assurance executed by the State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;**
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age;**
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;**
- (6) Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38);**
- (7) Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;**
- (8) Section 324 of title 23, U.S.C., regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender;**

(9) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 35 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

(10) The provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain Federal activities; and

(11) All other applicable provisions of Federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby self-certifies that the planning process for the region is being conducted in accordance with all the applicable Federal requirements.

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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 0906-24, 25, and 26: Approving Amendments of Subcontract Agreements and Contract Modifications to the Federal Aid Agreements for Various Scoping and Design Projects

PROPOSAL

Due to the complexity of the projects below, additional time is needed to complete them. It is therefore proposed to extend the contract termination dates as follows:

1. Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and a Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the **Commissioner's Pike Phase III Scoping Project** (to extend both termination dates of September 20, 2009 to September 20, 2010)
2. Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and a Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the **Sherman Avenue (CR 552) Boulevards Design Project** (to extend both termination dates of June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010)
3. Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and a Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the **Buckshutem Road Bridge Design Project** (to extend both termination dates of June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

It should be noted that these amendments to subcontract agreements will only be forwarded to SJTA for execution following approval of the Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement by the NJ Department of Transportation.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-24: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to the Federal Aid Agreement for the Commissioner's Pike Phase III Scoping 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, Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program funding has been authorized for this project, and on July 24, 2006, the SJTPO Policy Board approved the selection of Urban Engineers as prime consultants; and

WHEREAS, extra time is needed to complete the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves a contract amendment to extend the termination date from September 20, 2009 to September 20, 2010 for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this modification will not be executed without the formal concurrence of the NJDOT; 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 June 22, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-25: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to Federal Aid Agreement for the CR 552 (Sherman Avenue) & Vineland Boulevards Design 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, on July 28, 2003, the SJTPO Policy Board approved the selection of Taylor Wiseman & Taylor as prime consultants for this project; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2005, the SJTPO Policy Board approved an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement in the amount of \$85,022.77 and extended the contract termination date to December, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2005, the SJTPO Policy Board approved an additional fee of \$181,600.00, for a total contract price of \$671,746.77 is supported by Cumberland County to complete the project based on the need for additional Right-of-Way Engineering services and an extension of termination date from December 31, 2006 to December 2007, on July 23, 2007 an extension of termination date from December 2007 to June 30, 2008 was approved, on March 17, 2008 an extension of termination date from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009 was approved; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete this work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves amendments to the Subcontract Agreement and Federal Aid Agreement to extend the termination date from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this modification will not be executed without the formal concurrence of the NJDOT; 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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Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0906-26: Approving an Amendment of Subcontract Agreement and Contract Modification to Federal Aid Agreement for the Buckshutem Road Bridge Design 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, on July 28, 2003, the SJTPO Policy Board approved the selection of Hardesty & Hanover LLP as prime consultants for this project; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2004, the SJTPO Policy Board approved an additional fee of \$78,829.33, for a total contract price of \$326,046.33 is supported by Cumberland County to complete the project based on a new recommended construction approach; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2005, the SJTPO Policy Board approved an additional fee of \$258,497.00, for a total contract price of \$584,543.33 is supported by Cumberland County for construction inspection services and construction support services, with a new completion date of June 30, 2007, an extension of the termination date to June 30, 2008 was approved on July 23, 2007, an extension of termination date to June 30, 2009 was approved on March 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete this work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves amendments to the Subcontract Agreement and Federal Aid Agreement to extend the termination date from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this modification will not be executed without the formal concurrence of the NJDOT; 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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