Policy Board
PHONE CONFERENCE

Monday, March 16, 2009 - 11:00 A.M.

SJTPO Conference Room
782 S. Brewster Road, Unit B-6, Vineland

AGENDA

a. Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Law Announcement
b. Roll Call
c. Communications
d. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee – John Peterson, Chairman
e. Chairman's Remarks
f. Report of the Executive Director - Timothy G. Chelius
g. New Business
    1. Resolution 0903-05: Approving Modifications and Minor Amendments to the SJTPO FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding and Projects
    2. Resolution 0903-06: Approving an Administrative Modification to the SJTPO FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding for the Statewide Median Crossover Crash Prevention Program
h. Public Comment
i. Adjournment

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dated: March 9, 2009

SUMMARY

A series of TIP modifications and minor amendments are 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. To maximize public involvement, modifications not requiring MPO action and those requiring only administrative approval will be considered by the Policy Board on March 16.These TIP amendments and modifications were recommended for Policy Board approval by the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee on March 9, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The SJTPO seeks to amend the Fiscal Year 2009-2018 Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding will be programmed for various purposes in FY 2009 as described below and in the attached information sheets:

1. ARRA funding in the amount of $70.000M will be provided towards construction of the Route 52 Causeway Bridge Replacement and Somers Point Circle Elimination/Route 52 Widening, DB #244A. This action will enable construction to be accelerated and scheduled GARVEE bonding payments to be eliminated. (MOU Sec. B3(g), Modification That May be Approved by Administrative Action)
2. ARRA funding in the amount of $5.900M will be provided for the Route 30 Pavement Rehabilitation, Atlantic County, DB# 09311 (MOU Sec. A1, Minor Amendment)
3. ARRA funding in the amount of $6.000M will be provided for the Route I-295, Corridor Bridge Painting Project in Salem and Gloucester Counties (MOU Sec. A1, Minor Amendment)
4. ARRA funding will be added to the following New Jersey Transit TIP line items:
    - T70, ADA – Equipment, $4.000M (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
    - T06, Bus Passenger Facilities/Park and Ride, $0.250M (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
    - T55, Other Rail Station/Terminal Improvements, $12.000M (MOU Sec. A1, Minor Amendment)
    - T135, Preventative Maintenance-Bus, $0.677 (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
    - T39, Preventative Maintenance-Rail, $0.500 (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
    - T151, Section 5311 Program, $0.125M (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
    - T42, Track Program, $1.000M (MOU Sec. B1(a), Modification Not Requiring Further MPO Action)
5. A minimum of $6.000M of ARRA funding will be provided for projects to be selected from the attached March 6, 2009 SJTPO Stimulus A-List Priorities document. (MOU Sec. A1, Minor Amendments)

The proposed actions are 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:

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COMMENT PROCEDURE

Any interested party may submit comment on the proposed modifications. **Written comment must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday March 13, 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, SJTPO Executive Director, at (856) 794-1941.

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0903-05: Approving Modifications and Minor Amendments to the SJTPO FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding and Projects

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, on February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) into law; and

WHEREAS, ARRA funding has been identified for a broad array of SJTPO projects and programs through a collaborative effort of NJDOT, New Jersey Transit, the South Jersey Transportation Authority, and SJTPO, and that funding must be programmed into the SJTPO TIP to permit FY 2009 ARRA projects and funding to proceed; and

WHEREAS, ARRA funds are not subject to normal TIP/STIP fiscal constraint, and these projects and funding are exempt from the requirement to determine conformity per Table 2, Sec. 93.126 of the conformity regulations as shown in the attached chart dated March 9, 2009; 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, these TIP Modifications and Minor Amendments outlined in the attached project and program summaries were 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 projects and additional funding outlined in the attached documentation.

<u>Certification</u>

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 March 16, 2009.

Louis N. Magazzu

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Louis N. Magazzu, Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 0903-06: Approving an Administrative Modification to the SJTPO FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding for the Statewide Median Crossover Crash Prevention 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 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, on February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) into law; and

WHEREAS, $7.500M in ARRA funding has been identified to supplement the existing Statewide Median Crossover Crash Prevention Program, DB # 03316, and that funding must be programmed into the SJTPO TIP to permit the additional program contracts to proceed; and

WHEREAS, ARRA funds are not subject to normal TIP/STIP fiscal constraint, and this program is a Safety Improvement Program and is thus exempt from the requirement to determine conformity per Table 2, Sec. 93.126 of the conformity regulations as shown in the attached chart; 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 Modification was recommended for Policy Board approval by the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); and

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 projects and additional funding outlined in the attached documentation.

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