

## **SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

### **ITEM 0803-07: Adopting the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

#### **PROPOSAL**

At its March 3, 2008, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the FY 2009 UPWP. Please refer to our website [www.sjtpo.org/upwpinfo.html](http://www.sjtpo.org/upwpinfo.html). Also, please refer to the enclosed excerpts, and a full copy of the document will be provided at the meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) annually approve Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP's) that guide the transportation planning process in their regions. The proposed FY 2009 SJTPO UPWP consists of the following:

**Overview** – This describes the purpose of the UPWP, the transportation planning environment, SJTPO structure, and FY 2009 planning priorities. Regionwide priorities in FY 2009 will include:

- Advancing the Safety Conscious Planning model and the integration of safety considerations into regional planning.
- Expanding the programs and activities of the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance
- Addressing specific problem areas especially with the emphasis on project development through scoping and design.
- Updating the TIP, maintaining public involvement programs, and integrating Title VI into SJTPO plans and programs.

**Central Staff Work Program** (\$953,712) – All activities of SJTPO's Central Staff are described in this section. In addition to the regionwide priorities discussed above, notable activities for FY 2009 include continuing our nationally – recognized leadership role in integrating safety into planning.

**SJTA Supportive Work Program** (\$50,000) – Under this program, the South Jersey Transportation Authority provides financial and administrative services as the administrative host for SJTPO.

**NJ Transit Coordination & Support** (\$22,000) – NJ Transit provides ongoing staff and technical support, including considerable assistance in FY 2009 with the SJ Travel Demand Model Improvement Project.

**Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program** (\$307,500) – Planning activities of the four Counties to support SJTPO and address the needs of the Counties are included here. Funding for each county and highlights of their programs are:

- Atlantic County (\$104,000) - will conduct a road safety audit and access management study for Ocean Heights Avenue.
- Cape May County (\$76,000) - will evaluate evacuation capabilities of selected roads.
- Cumberland County (\$90,500) – will analyze County Road right-of-way widths and recommend improvements.
- Salem County (\$37,000) - will provide basic regional planning support.

**Technical Programs** (\$414,437) - To supplement the various agency work programs described above, SJTPO will support technical studies and projects performed by consultants, as follows:

- FY 2009 Road Safety Project Development (\$50,000) – Since FY 2004, SJTPO has conducted Road Safety Audits for selected highway segments throughout the region. The Safety Audits generated many short- and mid-term improvement recommendations, and this FY 2009 activity will provide assistance to project sponsors in developing projects for federal HSIP funding.
- FY 2009 Air Quality Analysis (\$40,000) – This task will provide consultant assistance for emissions modeling work, CMAQ emissions reduction estimation, coordination with NJDOT, NJDEP, and USEPA, model setups, and other related air quality assistance. The major traditional work element is the annual completion of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) conformity analysis. In addition, regional involvement is required when new emissions budgets are developed.
- FY 2009 Seat Belt Use Survey (\$50,000) – Consultant assistance will be secured to measure and evaluate seat belt use in the SJTPO region. Special attention will be devoted to communities and areas of concern, such as Spanish-speaking populations, or low-income communities.
- SJTPO Coastal Evacuation Analysis (\$85,000, carried forward from FY 2008 UPWP) – SJTPO will expand on recent simulations by the New Jersey Institute of Technology to evaluate current evacuation plans and formulate recommendations to handle peak seasonal evacuation flows.
- Vineland Master Plan Transportation Element (\$60,000) – Vineland, the Central City of the SJTPO region, will conduct a multi-modal analysis of existing conditions and develop a coordinated plan to support the anticipated growth in the City and the region.
- SJTPO Asset Management Data Collection (\$125,000) – SJTPO will begin a multi-year effort to collect pavement and roadway facility data for local management systems.
- Census Transportation Planning Package Products (\$4,437) – The Department of Transportation is unable to participate in the national program to produce upcoming Census Transportation Planning Package products without financial assistance from New Jersey's three MPO's.

**Non-MPO-Funded Transportation Planning Activities** - A variety of activities in the region not funded through the UPWP are described in this section. The agencies included are New Jersey Highway Authority, Delaware River and Bay Authority, and NJDOT.

**Financial Information** – This section includes details on funding sources used and the Central Staff line item budget. A total of \$1,747,649 is programmed for use within this document. This is detailed in the "Financial Information" section.

**SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION**

**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION 0803-07: Adopting the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

**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, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Sec. 104 (f) (3) et. seq. and 49 U.S.C. Sec. 1607 et. seq. MPO's are responsible for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to guide the transportation planning process in the region; and**

**WHEREAS, the SJTPO FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program describes the metropolitan transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities to be undertaken by Central Staff, the Counties, the South Jersey Transportation Authority, New Jersey Transit, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, consultants, and other agencies,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby adopts the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program for the region; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Policy Board authorizes staff to make minor modifications to the UPWP as may be necessary to carry out the above purpose, with subsequent notice to the Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee.**

**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 March 17, 2008.**

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**Charles R. Sullivan, Secretary/Treasurer**