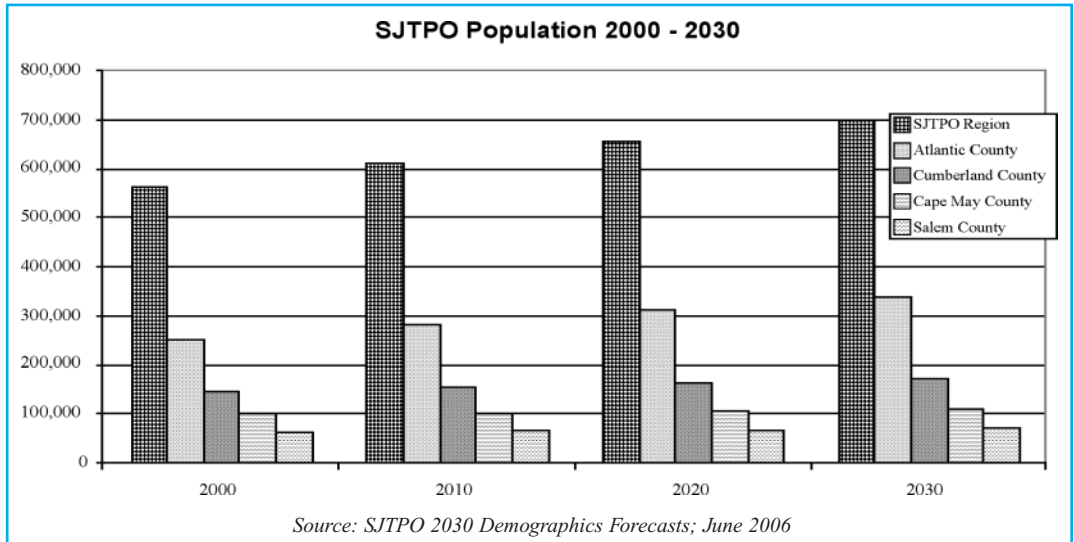




SJTPO Adopts Population and Employment Forecasts

At their January 22, 2007 meeting the Policy Board approved a new set of population and employment projections for the region. The new demographic figures project how the region will grow out to the year 2030. The projections resulted from the FY 2006 commissioned report, 2030 Demographic Forecasts, prepared by the Center for Regional and Business Research at Atlantic Cape May Community College under the direction of Richard C.



SJTPO Reorganization



Daniel Beyel



Thomas Russo



Charles Sullivan

At its January 22nd Reorganization Meeting, the SJTPO Policy Board elected its 2007 officers, and Cape May County Freeholder Director Daniel Beyel was named SJTPO Chairman for the ninth straight year. The Board also elected Atlantic County Freeholder Vice-Chairman Thomas Russo as Vice-Chair, and re-elected Salem County Freeholder Charles R. Sullivan as Secretary/Treasurer. New members appointed to the SJTPO Policy Board include Cumberland County Freeholder Director Douglas M. Rainear, South Jersey Transportation Authority Executive Director Bart Mueller, and Salem County Freeholder Beth Timberman was named as Mr. Sullivan's alternate. Chairman Beyel thanked the Board for their support and wished everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous year.

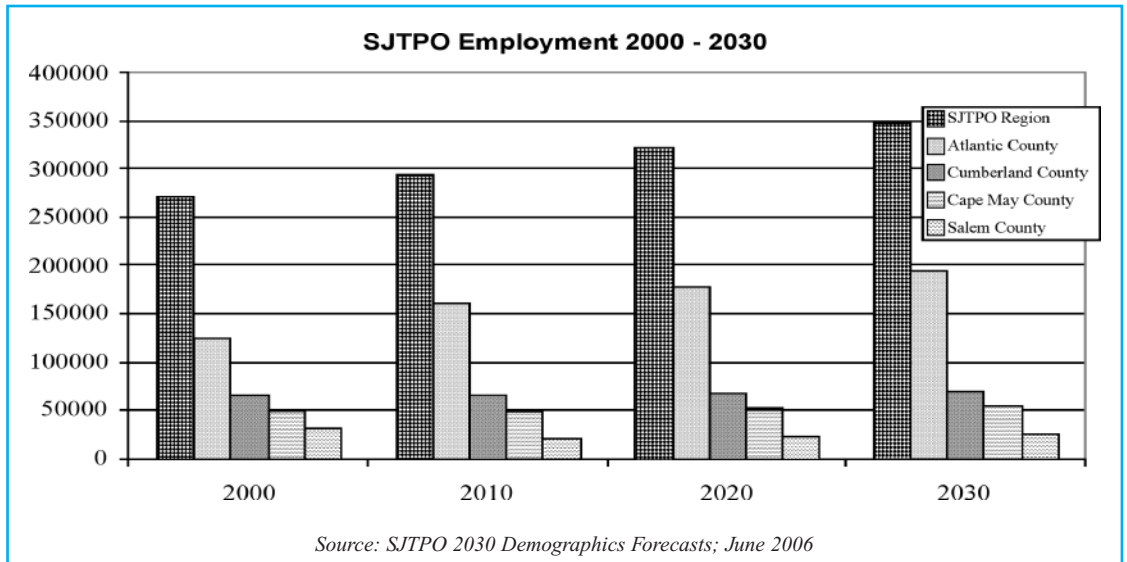
Perniciaro, Ph.D. In addition to describing the purpose and methodology, the report contains county by county tables and maps along with population growth scenarios and industry sector breakdowns. The two graphs shown here summarize the findings of the report by comparing population and employment by county every ten years out to the year 2030. In each instance population and employment will grow within the region as will the need to provide a safe and reliable transportation network across all modes.

There are two very important reasons for having valid and verifiable projections for population and employment. Having current data for the South Jersey Travel Demand Model is one. The model, as it is called, relies on fresh numbers to calculate and distribute trips within the region. These trips are translated into vehicle emissions that are then used to

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quantify the air quality conformity for the region. Without fresh model data having new projects entering the pipeline becomes difficult if not impossible. The second valuable reason is having a solid base for distributing growth within the region and identifying employment nodes for the preparation of the next update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). As mandated by federal regulations, the RTP must develop a twenty year horizon and contain a reasonable effort to show areas of growth that will change the demand for transportation services and aid in identifying impacts on the transportation system.

Regional Demographic Project Approved



The complete report will soon be available on SJTPO's website at www.sjtpo.org. For further information contact Les Varga, Manager of Regional Planning.

Public Meetings

Regular meetings of the SJTPO Policy Board and the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance are open to the public. The schedule for 2007 is as follows:

SJTPO Policy Board

- Monday, March 26, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Monday, May 21, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Monday, July 23, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Monday, September 24, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Monday, November 26, 2007 - 11:00 a.m.**

SJTPO Policy Board meetings are held in the Caucus Room, 1st Floor, Vineland City Hall, 7th & Wood Streets.

S.J. Traffic Safety Alliance

Meeting dates and locations to be determined – please check the SJTSA website www.sjtsa.org for further information.

Please feel free to call us to confirm a scheduled meeting or to add your name to our mailing list for upcoming meetings.

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on Policy Board: THOMAS RUSSO



Thomas Russo

Atlantic County Freeholder Vice Chairman Thomas Russo joined the SJTPO Policy Board at its January 22, 2007 reorganization meeting and was elected SJTPO Vice-Chairman. He is serving his fifteenth year as Freeholder.

Prior to election as Freeholder, Mr.

Russo served as Councilman-at-Large of Atlantic City from 1990 to 1994 and served as Council President from 1993 to 1994. He also served as Deputy Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, City Comptroller, Business Administrator, Director of Planning and Development and Director of Neighborhood Services.

Mr. Russo is an active member of the Columbus Day-American Legion, UNICO. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956, is a lifelong resident of Atlantic County, and a graduate of Glassboro State College with a B.A. in History. He lives in Atlantic County with his wife Barbara; has three children - Robin, Scott, and Leigh Ann; and has two grandchildren - Christine and Thomas.

Policy Board Awards \$9.8 Million in Local Projects

On January 22, the SJTPO Policy Board approved funding for 13 South Jersey projects totaling over

\$9.7 Million. These projects will be funded by SJTPO's allocation of federal Surface Transportation Pro-

gram (STP) funds and Congestion Management/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

STP funds are typically to improve federal-aid highways, or to conduct the studies needed to qualify more complex improvements for federal funding. The STP funds allocated to the SJTPO region-known as STP-SJ funds – total \$9.0 M for federal Fiscal Year 2008. The Policy Board directed \$233,000 in STP-SJ to County planning agencies for various programs and studies, and the remaining \$8.7 M will fund road projects sponsored by SJTPO's counties and the City of Vineland.

Federal CMAQ funds are intended for projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality, and each of New Jersey's three MPO's receive \$1 M per year for such projects. SJTPO analyzes and ranks CMAQ proposals for their air quality and congestion relief benefits and after Policy Board approval, project sponsors work with NJDOT to obtain the funds.

According to SJTPO Chairman Daniel Beyel, "These projects will play a critical role in our efforts to keep our roads in top shape. Once again, all the members of the Policy Board deserve credit for the cooperative and balanced project list."

The Local Lead projects will be a key component of the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). After a full draft TIP is prepared in the next few months, the Local Lead Projects and the full TIP, will be released for public comment.

FY 2008 STP-SJ AND FY 2007 CMAQ PROJECTS

Atlantic County Projects

Shore Road, Illinois Avenue to California Avenue, Absecon (Construction).....\$233,000

Tilton Road, Country Club Drive to US 30, Galloway Township (Construction).....\$1,740,000

Cape May County Project

Ocean Drive, Avalon (Construction).....\$1,847,000

Cumberland County Project

Sherman Avenue at the Boulevards, Vineland (Construction).....\$2,050,000

City of Vineland Projects

Magnolia Road, Main Road to Spring Road (Construction).....\$720,000

Elmer Road, East Avenue to Main Road (Construction).....\$530,000

Salem County Projects

Commissioner's Pike Phase II, Upper Pittsgrove Township (Construction).....\$800,000

Almond Road, Centerton Road to Maurice River (Design).....\$480,000

SJTPO Project

Subregional Planning Program (SPP).....\$233,000

The SJTPO Policy Board also approved four Congestion Management & Air Quality (CMAQ) projects totaling \$1 million for the FY 2007-2010 TIP that was adopted in July 2006. CMAQ is a federal program for projects that improve air quality by reducing traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

FY 2007 Projects

Atlantic County – Clean Diesel Bus Purchase - \$400,000

Cape May County – Bio-Diesel Bus Purchase - \$210,000

Cumberland County – Landis Avenue Transit - \$254,400

SJTA – Atlantic City Marina Casino Employee Shuttle - \$195,000

SJTA – Atlantic City International Airport Delilah Road Shuttle - \$145,000

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Non-Motorist Fatalities in South Jersey

There were 27 non-motorist fatalities in the SJTPO region for the year 2005. This compares with 16 non-motorist fatalities in 2004, and 14 in 2003 (See Chart).

Non-motorist fatalities accounted for 20% of all motor vehicle fatalities in South Jersey for 2005. The 20% figure for our region falls between the 23% for the State of New Jersey, and the US percentage (14%).

The South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance is responding to this issue with the 2007 THINK SAFETY Campaign. THINK SAFETY provides a continuous and reinforcing pedestrian and bicycle message in our region using aerial banners, roadside banners, posters, vinyl letters on vehicles and public service announcements for radio and TV. For more information go to www.SJTSA.org.

