

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ITEM 2009-23: Amending the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add FTA Funds to Task 20/403 Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey Technical Study

PROPOSAL

At its September 14, 2020 meeting, the SJTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended that the Policy Board approve \$31,951.98 in available FTA funds to the FY 2020 UPWP, specifically to Task 20/403 Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey Technical Study. This additional funding would bring the total available budget for this technical study to \$87,506.98.

BACKGROUND

In late June, SJTPO became aware that the amount of FTA-flex funds NJDOT received was higher than anticipated, resulting in an additional \$31,951.98 of available funds to SJTPO.

On August 20, 2020, SJTPO released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey Technical Study, seeking consultant support to identify and evaluate feasible routing for the Atlantic County Bikeway West. Based upon research in developing the RFP scope as well as questions during the Question and Answer phase of the RFP process (ending of September 3rd), it became evident that the existing budget of \$55,555 was not sufficient to conduct the scope of work identified with the RFP. As such, SJTPO is seeking an amendment to the FY 2020 UPWP to add the additional \$31,951.98 FTA funds to the funds currently programmed for Task 20/403. The grand total available for this effort would then be \$87,506.98.

It should additionally be noted that the FY 2020 task was broadly written to allow either an assessment of rail and utility rights-of-way within the SJTPO region or to dig in and look deeper at a more narrowly focused location. Through discussion and conversation with partners, it was determined that looking more deeply at a single location was most useful at this time.

Technical Proposals for the Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey were due Thursday, September 17th with consultant selection anticipated to be considered at the November TAC and Policy Board meetings. At that time, when a preferred firm is selected, SJTPO will determine what portion of this maximum budget it intends to expend based on the value of the tasks relative to the proposed budget.

A formal request will be made to FHWA through NJDOT to modify the Task Order associated with the FY 2020 UPWP. The UPWP document will be amended as appropriate.

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RESOLUTION 2009-23: Amending the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add FTA Funds to Task 20/403 Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey Technical Study

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 FY 2020 UPWP described the metropolitan and transportation-related air quality planning activities to be undertaken by Central Staff, the Counties, consultants, and other agencies, and was adopted by the Policy Board on March 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 UPWP included Task 20/403 Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey as one of several technical studies identified as a two-year effort; and

WHEREAS, the description within the FY 2020 UPWP was broadly written to include a consultant-led assessment of rail and utility rights-of-way in the SJTPO region or to dig in and look deeper at a more narrowly focused location; and

WHEREAS, through discussion and conversation with partners, it was determined that looking more deeply at a single location was most useful; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released seeking consultant support to identify and evaluate feasible routing for the Atlantic County Bikeway West in mid-August; and

WHEREAS, research in developing the RFP scope as well as questions during the Question and Answer phase of the RFP process made it evident that the existing budget was not sufficient to conduct the scope of work as identified within the RFP; and

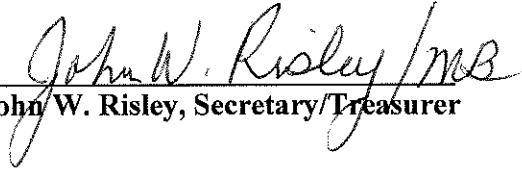
WHEREAS, in late June, SJTPO became aware that the amount of FTA-flex funds NJDOT received this year was higher than anticipated, resulting in an addition \$31,951.98 available to SJTPO; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization hereby approves an amendment to the FY 2020 UPWP to add the \$31,951.98 FTA Funds to Task 20/403 Regional Trail Network – Feasibility Survey Technical Study technical study.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that at that time, when a preferred firm is selected, SJTPO will determine what portion of this maximum budget, \$87,506.98, it intends to expend on this technical study based on the value of the tasks relative to the proposed budget.

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 September 28, 2020.

Handwritten signature of John W. Risley in cursive script, including the initials MB.

John W. Risley, Secretary/Treasurer