

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2101-05: Supporting the Updated NJDOT Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure Targets (PM2)

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, Title 23, Sections 134 and 150 of the United States Code requires that each MPO undertake a transportation planning process that shall provide for the establishment and use of a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making to support national goals; and that each MPO shall establish performance targets that address the performance measures to use in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s final rule, (23 CFR Part 490), on the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) became effective on May 20, 2017, requiring the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to develop and adopt targets assessing percentage of the National Highway System (NHS) lane-miles in good and poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s final rule, (23 CFR Part 490), on the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) also required the NJDOT to develop and adopt targets assessing the percentage of NHS bridge deck areas in good and poor condition; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule on metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 & 771 and 49 CFR 613), under which MPOs must adopt system performance targets no later than 180 days after NJDOT adopts its performance targets; and

WHEREAS, the final rule also requires that MPOs coordinate with NJDOT to set performance targets for the specified measures and integrate those targets into their planning documents and processes; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT, in consultation with each of the 82 owners of the NHS as well as New Jersey's three MPOs, agreed upon six quantitative targets for each of the six pavement and bridge condition measures identified above, and formally submitted them to the FHWA on May 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the SJTPO Policy Board supported these six initial targets on September 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as part of its Mid-Performance Period Progress Report submitted to FHWA in the Fall of 2020, it was found that the State did not meet three of the initial six targets set; and

WHEREAS, because they did not meet these targets, in coordination with the PM2 Stakeholders Group, NJDOT adjusted the four-year target for three measures, as follows:

- The four-year target for % Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Poor Condition from 2.5% to 15%; and
- The four-year target for Percentage of Bridges in "Good Condition" from 18.6% to 21.3%; and
- The four-year target for Percentage of Bridges in "Poor Condition" from 6.5% to 6.8%; and

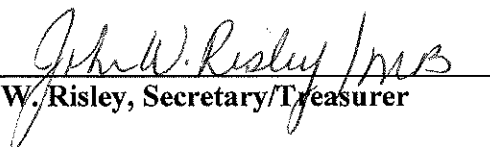
WHEREAS, the National Performance Management Measures: National Highway Performance Program Final Rule (23 CFR Part 490) states that MPOs have the option to (1) agree to program investments in support of NJDOT's targets, or (2) set their own quantifiable targets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SJTPO hereby supports the statewide targets for each of the pavement and bridge condition measures as well as the system performance measures set by NJDOT as required by the National Performance Management Measures: NHPP Final Rule (23 CFR 490).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SJTPO will program investments that support the achievement of the performance targets in support of the NHPP 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 January 25, 2021.



John W. Risley, Secretary/Treasurer