

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2109-33: Supporting the FY 2021 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Safety Performance Targets Set by the New Jersey Transit

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 Transit Administration's final rule (49 CFR Part 673) on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) became effective on July 19, 2019, requiring NJ TRANSIT to establish Safety Performance Targets to address safety performance measures identified in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (49 CFR §673.11 (a)(3)); and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Association (FTA) issued a final rule on metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 & 771 and 49 CFR 613), under which MPOs have the option to (1) agree to program investments in support of NJ TRANSIT's targets, or (2) set their own quantifiable targets; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2021, NJ TRANSIT released updated targets for the seven (7) required safety performance measures covering fatalities, injuries, and safety events such as collisions, employee injuries, and major bus fire events; and

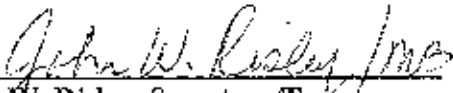
WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT also released updated transit safety targets for its light rail operations, but with no light rail within the SJTPO region, adoption of light rail operation targets are not required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SJTPO hereby supports the statewide targets for each of the safety performance measures for fiscal year 2021 set by NJ TRANSIT as required by the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule (49 CFR Part 673); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SJTPO will program investments that support the achievement of the performance targets in support of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

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 27, 2021.


John W. Risley, Secretary/Treasurer