

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2209-29: Adopting the System Performance (PM3) CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Targets for the SJTPO Planning Area

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) published the final rule, (23 CFR Part 490), on the System Performance Measures on January 18, 2017, requiring the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and MPOs to develop two- and four-year targets establishing reductions in the two ozone precursors of VOCs and NOx, funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program; 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 the State and other partners to set performance targets for the specified measures and integrate those targets into their planning documents and processes; and

WHEREAS, the entire four-county SJTPO region has been designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a nonattainment area for ozone, and a small portion of the SJTPO region overlaps the Philadelphia-PA-NJ-DE-MD Urbanized Area; (which contains more than 5 million people), and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT, in consultation with NJDEP and each of the three MPOs, agreed upon four quantitative targets for each of the two ozone precursors identified above, and

WHEREAS, the emissions reductions, from SJTPO CMAQ projects, were aggregated with the reductions from the other two MPOs which, in total, constitute the Statewide emissions benefit targets; and


WHEREAS, the final System Performance 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 CMAQ emissions reductions targets for each of the two ozone precursors set by NJDOT, as required by the National Performance Management Measures: CMAQ Final Rule (23 CFR 490); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SJTPO will program investments that support the achievement of the performance targets in support of the CMAQ 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 on September 26, 2022.



John W. Risley, Secretary/Treasurer