



**South Jersey
Transportation Planning
Organization**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

APPENDIX I. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND RESPONSES FROM FORWARD 2050



The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) covering Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties in southern New Jersey. SJTPO serves local jurisdictions as a technical resource, provides access to federal transportation funding, and works to provide a regional approach to address transportation planning and engineering issues.

The comment period for the Draft RTP Forward 2050 was open from Tuesday, November 5, 2024, through Thursday, December 5, 2024. SJTPO held two (2) hybrid (in-person and virtual) public meetings. The first public meeting was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at noon, and the second public meeting was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

If attendance at the public meetings was not possible, comments on the Draft RTP Forward 2050 could have been submitted as follows:

- **Online comment Form:** www.sjtpo.org/RTP
- **Email:** RTP@sjtpo.org
- **Direct message** on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SJTPO) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/SJTPO)
- **Fax:** 856-794-2549
- **Mail:** RTP Comments, C/O David Heller, 817 East Landis Avenue, 2nd Floor, Vineland, NJ 08360

Below are the comments received during the public comment period.

Public Comments:

1. **Comment** – I hope better transit, walkability, and the use of medium-density buildings in town centers as a means of reducing greenfield development are being considered.
SJTPO Response – Better transit, walkability, and multimodalism, in general, are themes that are infused throughout Forward 2050. This is perhaps evidenced no more clearly than in Goal 1: Promote Accessibility and Mobility for the Movement of People and Goods. SJTPO also has many trails in the region, as described in the plan, and plans to build and extend more of them. Forward 2050 also calls for furthering SJTPO’s role in NJDOT’s Transit Village Initiative, which essentially calls for using higher-density buildings around train stations, often in town centers. As also mentioned and cited in Forward 2050 under Critical Issue #4, the extensive Pinelands and CAFRA regulations serve as a check against greenfield development.

Planning Partner Comments:

1. **Comment** – Concerning RTP-5003, please update the project name and description to remove mention of Albany Avenue.
SJTPO Response – As requested, SJTPO updated the project name and description to remove mention of Albany Avenue.