## Foreword from the NJTPA Chair and Executive Director

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT Plan 2050: Transportation.

People. Opportunity. approved by the NJTPA Board on September 13, 2021. It sets out a vision for the future development of our region's transportation system, drawing important lessons from the life-altering pandemic that is reshaping many aspects of society and transportation. It responds to the need for greater attention to equity, the environment, economic progress and sustainability, among other priorities.

As this document was being finalized for printing and publishing in fall 2021, a new federal surface transportation law was enacted, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Act provides crucial support for addressing the needs and issues identified in this plan and implementing many of the policies and projects it identifies, including hundreds of projects in the project index that will be funded over the next decade or more.

The NJTPA, together with its partner agencies and subregions, will work to leverage new resources and fulfill new national mandates and priorities in the federal law. All the while, we will be guided by this plan and will continue to reach out to the public in the region for input and direction.

Plan 2050 provides a solid foundation for long range transportation planning and investments on behalf of the residents of the North Jersey region. We thank the thousands who contributed to shaping this plan during these extraordinary times, whether through participation in surveys, virtual forums or submission of comments. We welcome your continued involvement as we implement Plan 2050.

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From left: NJTPA Chair and Morris County Commissioner Kathryn A. DeFillippo and NJTPA Executive Director Mary D. Ameen