



John P. Kelly, Chair
Charles Kenny, First Vice Chair
David W. Behrend, Executive Director

Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

A. Open Public Meetings Act Compliance

First Vice Chair Charles Kenny, Middlesex County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Denise Truvillion, Central Staff, reported that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975, adequate notice of the meeting was forwarded to the *Star Ledger*, the *Asbury Park Press*, the *Courier News*, the *Daily Record*, the *Home News Tribune*, the *Jersey Journal*, the *New Jersey Herald*, and *The Record*. It was also posted at the Essex County Hall of Records in Newark.

B. Salute to the Flag

The First Vice Chair led the room in a salute to the Flag.

C. Roll Call

Ms. Truvillion called the roll, and 19 voting members were in attendance. (Attachment 1).

D. Approval of Minutes

Union County made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, meeting, Passaic County seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Chair Remarks

First Vice Chair Kenny thanked everyone for joining and welcomed Christopher Marra of GPI, a consultant firm that worked on two studies recently completed through the NJTPA's Local Concept Development Program. The studies identify and compare reasonable alternatives and strategies that address transportation issues, such as the best way to replace or rehabilitate a deteriorating bridge and options to improve safety on a road.

Mr. Marra will present the results of the Local Concept Development Study of Kennedy Boulevard and County Line Road in Lakewood. Ocean County led the study, which explored ways to make the two corridors safer while addressing congestion. First Vice Chair Kenny said three other Local Concept Development studies were completed at the end of the fiscal year:

- County Route 3 from Devon Drive to Kensington Drive in Manalapan, Monmouth County
- Easton Avenue in Franklin Township, Somerset County
- Lenape Island Road Bridge in Denville, Morris County.

Visit the NJTPA [website](#) to learn more.

First Vice Chair Kenny highlighted a 30-day public comment period is underway on several draft documents: *Connecting Communities: The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan*, the FY 2026-2029 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) and the Air Quality Conformity Determination for both. These documents are critical to NJTPA’s vision for the future of the region and are required to maintain eligibility for federal funding. The documents are available on the NJTPA website and at designated libraries throughout the region.

The public comment period runs through August 5 and the NJTPA is also collecting public input on the FY 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program, which incorporates the draft TIP. There are two public meetings scheduled for July 17, the first from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. is a workshop on the air quality conformity determination and the second from 4 to 7 p.m. will cover all the documents. Central Staff will review all to public comments submitted prior to the August Joint Committee meeting.

First Vice Chair Kenny noted that unlike four years ago, when all outreach was virtual amid the pandemic, the NJTPA visited the 15 subregions to conduct pop-up engagement. Between online surveys, virtual forums, pop-up events, and specialized activities to engage youth, young adults and others, more than 4,000 people provided input for *Connecting Communities*. Much of the public input is reflected in the draft plan, which he encouraged everyone to review.

Following his remarks, First Vice Chair Kenny called on partner agencies to provide updates.

Jeremy Colangelo-Bryan from NJ TRANSIT said the FIFA Club World Cup concluded yesterday after a successful run and NJ TRANSIT recognizes that World Cup 26 will present additional challenges. He said NJ TRANSIT is encouraged that they hosted both the semi-final and final matches at MetLife Stadium and considered it a good test.

F. Executive Director’s Report

NJTPA Executive Director David Behrend reminded attendees that the Project Prioritization Committee will convene a special meeting to vote on a modification to the FY 2024-2027 TIP immediately following the Board meeting. This modification will add funding for a NJ TRANSIT project, an action necessary before the end of the federal fiscal year. The item does not require further action from the Board.

Mr. Behrend said that July 1 marked the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 and highlighted several key achievements from Fiscal Year 2025.

The NJTPA is no longer required to model emissions for carbon monoxide in the region as part of its Air Quality Conformity Determination process. This achievement follows 20 consecutive years of attainment status for carbon monoxide, as confirmed recently by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. This positive development is a result of collaborative efforts by Central Staff and partners.

Several initiatives wrapped up at the end of the fiscal year and final reports have been posted or soon will be available on the NJTPA’s website. This includes the 2050 Freight Industry Level Forecast Update; three subregional studies: West Hudson Circulation and Connectivity Study, Middlesex County Road Safety Audits and Warren County Comprehensive Complete Streets Policy; Local Safety Action Plans for eight counties; and Complete Streets Technical Assistance projects in Belmar, Belleville, Paterson, Readington and Verona.

Mr. Behrend also shared that Central Staff presented several municipal programs at the Keep Middlesex Moving E-Micro Mobility Conference on June 25, including the Complete Streets Demonstration Library. This lending library provides materials municipalities can use to demonstrate potential improvements, such as temporary curb extensions, before making them permanent.

In late May, Morris County celebrated the opening of the Pompton Valley Rail Trail, funded through the NJTPA. This trail connects Pequannock in Morris County to Wayne in Passaic County, providing off-road access for pedestrians and cyclists to NJ TRANSIT’s Mountain View train station. The long-term vision is to connect this trail to a larger regional network, including the Morris Canal Greenway.

Mr. Behrend also shared that Passaic County Commissioner John Bartlett was recently elected to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors, representing District 2 (New Jersey, Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania). Mr. Behrend was re-elected to the Executive Directors Council. They both look forward to collaborating with NARC as Congress works on the next transportation reauthorization bill.

G. Presentation: Innovative Safety & Congestion Relief Initiatives in Lakewood

Mr. Marra, Deputy Project Manager for GPI, gave a presentation on Innovative Congestion Relief and Safety Initiatives in Lakewood Township. The project, led by Ocean County and funded by the NJTPA, considered different innovative congestion relief and safety improvements to Kennedy Boulevard and County Line Road, from Laurelwood Avenue to Squantum Road. The project considered current and future traffic volumes to ensure any improvements would be able to handle projected increases in traffic.

Concept Development is the first phase of the NJTPA’s Local Capital Project Delivery Program. Projects that successfully complete this phase can seek federal funding for preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

The study included extensive public engagement, including a [project website](#), online survey and public meetings. There was also a field walk with various stakeholders, including representatives from Ocean County, Lakewood, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the NJTPA.

The study culminated in the selection of improvements, called a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, to advance. The proposed improvements include changing the roads from two-way to a one-way loop to improve safety and the flow of traffic and installing a modern roundabout at Squantum Road. A portion of the project area overlaps Route 9, so NJDOT is reviewing the improvements the study recommends.

The [presentation](#) and [video](#) are available on the NJTPA website.

H. Committee Reports/Action Items

• **Project Prioritization** — Commissioner Kenny, Chair

Commissioner Kenny said the Committee considered four Minor Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP, which require Board approval. The first action item splits the Route 80, Riverview Drive (CR640) to Polifly Road (CR 55) Project in Bergen and Passaic counties into six projects. This will allow NJDOT to expedite critical portions of the project.

The second action item adds federal funds to seven programs:

- Bridge Preventive Maintenance, Statewide
- ITS Safety Program, Statewide
- Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program, Regional
- Mobility and Systems Engineering Program, Statewide
- Pavement Preservation, NJTPA, Regional

- Resurfacing, Federal, Statewide
- Safety Programs, Statewide

The third adds \$79.6 million in Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 funds to the Bus Support Facilities and Equipment Program for Engineering Right of Way, and Construction in FY 2025.

The final action item transfers \$28.41 million in NJTPA Carbon Reduction Program Funds to the NJ TRANSIT Light Rail Infrastructure Improvements Program for improvements to the Norfolk Street Newark Light Rail Station.

Action Item 1: Minor Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Split the Route 80, Riverview Drive (CR640) to Polifly Road (CR55) Project into Six Projects in Bergen and Passaic Counties. (Attachment 2) [Details here on page 16.](#)

Passaic County moved the item, Ocean County seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Action Item 2: Minor Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to Seven Programs. (Attachment 3) [Details here on page 29.](#)

Morris County moved the item, NJDOT seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Action Item 3: Minor Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to Bus Support Facilities and Equipment Program. (Attachment 4) [Details here on page 44.](#)

Essex County moved the item, Monmouth County seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Action Item 4: Minor Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Transfer Carbon Reduction Program Funds to the NJ TRANSIT Light Rail Infrastructure Improvements Program. (Attachment 5) [Details here on page 50.](#)

Union County moved the item, NJ TRANSIT seconded, and it carried unanimously.

- **Planning and Economic Development Committee** – Warren County Commissioner Jason Sarnoski, Chair

Commissioner Sarnoski said the meeting featured a presentation on the update of the Project Prioritization Scoring Process from Michael Grant, Vice President at ICF, the consultant leading this project for the NJTPA. These scores are used to prioritize projects for funding the TIP. The scoring process is being updated to align with the revised Regional Capital investment Strategy and *Connecting Communities* goals.

Mr. Grant said the current framework scores local road and bridge projects, as well as state highway and bridge projects administered by the NJDOT. The new update will incorporate scoring criteria for transit projects. The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) is meeting this month to discuss the scoring results, followed by the working session to develop final recommendations. The recommendations will be presented to RTAC, and then the Project Prioritization Committee and Board for final approval.

In closing, Commissioner Sarnoski acknowledged and congratulated David Dech, Warren County's longtime Planning Director on his recent retirement. He said that many people know David and he served as an alternate on the NJTPA Board for a long time. He offered his best wishes to David and introduced Warren County's new Planning Director, Ryan Conklin.

- **Freight Initiatives Committee** — Morris County Commissioner Stephen Shaw, Chair

Commissioner Shaw thanked Central Staff and committee members for handling the meeting in his absence on June 16. The meeting featured a presentation on the region’s 2050 Freight Industry Level Forecasts Update by Jack Glodek, of Cambridge Systematics, the consultant team leading the effort. The forecasts were used to develop *Connecting Communities*.

The project analyzed and projected various commodity flows, e-commerce trends, and updated the NJTPA’s Freight Forecasting Tool. The e-commerce analysis shows the region continues to experience enormous growth in this area –a 237 percent increase in packages delivered from 2018 to 2023. Regional e-commerce growth slightly outpaces the national average, with over 200 million packages delivered to the region in 2023. Amazon is dominating regional parcel delivery accounting for 70 percent of packages, followed by the United States Postal Service, FedEx, and United Parcel Service. The presentation included a live demonstration of interactive online dashboards and highlighted the extensive data that will be available to stakeholders.

During reports from committee members, the City of Newark acknowledged NJDOT’s Local Freight Impact Fund for providing more than \$15 million for three projects in the city. These projects are improving pedestrian accessibility in the port area and will add approximately two miles of dedicated bike lanes.

I. Public Participation

There were no comments from the public.

J. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is Monday, September 8, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and will be held in Ocean County.

K. Adjournment

Warren County made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m., Morris County seconded, and it carried unanimously.

NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC.
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Attendance Record: July 14, 2025

Subregion/Agency	Voting Board Members/Alternates	Staff & Others
Bergen County	Joseph Baladi	
Essex County	David Antonio	
Hudson County	Mark Kataryniak	Halleigh Johnston Tanner Thul
Hunterdon County	Katherine Fullerton	Bob Hornby
Jersey City	Mike Manzella	
Middlesex County	Hon. Charles Kenny	
Monmouth County	Teri O'Connor	Michael Nei Joseph Ettore
Morris County	Hon. Stephen Shaw	Eamon Kinney Kevin Stephens John Hayes
Newark	Dolores Martinez-Wooden	Trevor Howard
Ocean County	Mark Jehnke	
Passaic County	Hon. John Bartlett	Andras Holzmann
Sussex County	Tom Drabic	
Union County	Hon. Bette Jane Kowalski	
Warren County	Hon. Jason Sarnoski	Ryan Conklin
Office of the Governor	Jamera Sirmans	
NJDOT	Amy Polachak	
NJ TRANSIT	Jeremy Colangelo-Bryan	Caroline Birsner Rosemary Nivar Antonia Dutti
PANYNJ	Jay Shuffield	
Citizens Representative	Charles Burton	

Other Attendees	
Christopher Marra	GPI
Various members of Central Staff	NJTPA
Edward Murray	Photographer
Sydney Chan	
Bob Werkmeister	GPI

Approved July 14, 2025

**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2024-2027
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO SPLIT THE
ROUTE 80, RIVERVIEW DRIVE (CR 640) TO POLIFLY ROAD (CR
55) PROJECT INTO SIX PROJECTS IN BERGEN AND PASSAIC
COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA adopted the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when federal funds are added to a project or funds are added above the specified threshold in the TIP and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT has requested a minor amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP to remove the Route 80, Riverview Drive (CR 640) to Polifly Road (CR 55) project (DNUM 11415) and replace it with six new smaller projects in Bergen and Passaic Counties, including Route 80, Riverview Dr (CR 640) to Taft Ave, Contract 1 (DBNUM 11415A); Route 80, Riverview Avenue to Polifly Road (CR 55), Contract 2 (DBNUM 11415B); Route 80, Lakeview Avenue (CR 624) to Garden State Parkway, Contract 3 (DBNUM 11415C); Route 80, Taft Avenue to 21st Avenue, Contract 4 (DBNUM 11415D); Route 80, Garden State Parkway to Riverview Avenue, Contract 5 (DBNUM 11415E); Route 80, 21st Avenue to Lakeview Avenue (CR 624), Contract 6 (DBNUM 11415F); and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the original project and is increased outside of the fiscally constrained four-year TIP; and

WHEREAS, Contracts 1 through 5 are exempt from an air quality conformity determination and the changes do not impact the current conformity determination, and Contract 6 is modeled as a non-exempt, regionally significant project in the current air quality conformity determination, and the requested revision does not warrant further emissions analysis as per the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127); and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to these actions; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024-2027 TIP conforms to federal performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until 10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified minor amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the NJDOT for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Approved July 14, 2025

**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2024-2027
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD
FEDERAL FUNDS TO SEVEN PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA adopted the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when a project is added or funds are added above the specified threshold and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT has requested minor amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add federal funds to the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (DBNUM 13321); ITS Safety Programs (DBNUM 23314); Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program (DBNUM 04314); Mobility and Systems Engineering Program (DBNUM 13306); Pavement Preservation Program, NJTPA (DBNUM X51B); Resurfacing, Federal Program (DBNUM 99327A); and Safety Programs (DBNUM 19370); and;

WHEREAS, fiscal constraint is maintained by adding federal funds available from unobligated balances and aligning current programmed funding with anticipated project authorizations; and

WHEREAS, these minor amendments are exempt from an air quality conformity analysis as per the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127) and do not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to these actions; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024-2027 TIP conforms to federal performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until 10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has

been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified minor amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the NJDOT for submission to the Federal Highway Administration.

Approved July 14, 2025

DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE BUS SUPPORT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when a new project is added or funds are added above the specified threshold and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT has requested a minor amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add federal funds to the Bus Support Facilities and Equipment Program (DBNUM T08); and

WHEREAS, fiscal constraint is maintained for this change through funds available from a competitive federal grant (FTA FY 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, this program is exempt from an air quality conformity determination as per the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127) and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024-2027 TIP conforms to federal performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until 10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT for submission to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

Approved July 14, 2025

DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2024-2027 TO TRANSFER NJTPA CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE NJ TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when a new project is added or funds are added above the specified threshold and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA and NJ TRANSIT have requested minor amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP to transfer available Carbon Reduction New York/Newark Program funds from the NJTPA Carbon Reduction Program (DBNUM N2309) to the NJ TRANSIT Light Rail Infrastructure Improvements Program (DBNUM T95); and

WHEREAS, fiscal constraint is maintained for these changes through available funds in the NJTPA Carbon Reduction Program line item; and

WHEREAS, these programs are exempt from an air quality conformity determination as per the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127) and do not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP conforms to federal performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until 10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT for submission to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.