



**North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.**

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)**

David Antonio, Chair  
Andras Holzmann, Vice Chair

**October 14, 2025**  
**10:30 AM (Eastern Daylight Time)**

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Presentation: Congestion Management Process — Accessibility and Mobility Regional Reassessment Products – Eugene McGuinness, Central Staff, and Sunil Dhuri, ICF
- IV. Information Items
  1. FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Angellita Young
  2. Complete Streets Technical Assistance Application – Peter Bilton, Central Staff
  3. Regional EV Registration Update – Zenon Tech-Czarny, Central Staff
  4. Traffic Signal Strategic Plan and Investment Framework Update – Andy Kaplan, Central Staff
  5. PRIME Users Group – Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff
  6. Route 1 Northbound Bridge over Raritan River Financial Plan – Vanessa Koenigkramer
  7. NJTPA Prototype Bicycle Travel Demand Model – Brian Fineman and Hella Alnajjar, Central Staff
- V. Written Information Item
  1. Zoning Atlas Update – Richard Cippoletti, Central Staff

2. Transition to Numetrics Crash Data Tool – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

VI. Review of Standing Committees Action Items

**Planning and Economic Development Committee**

1. Endorsement of NJDOT Updated Roadway Functional Classification System – Keith Miller, Central Staff

**Project Prioritization Committee**

1. Approval of the FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Projects – Sascha Frimpong, Central Staff

VII. Other Items for Discussion

VIII. RTAC Teleconference: November 17, 2025 (tentative)

IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2025

X. Adjournment

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**V. Written Information Items**

**Zoning Atlas Update – Richard Cippoletti, Central Staff**

Central Staff has completed the mapping of zoning for all municipalities in the NJTPA region, as well as quality assurance and quality control review of the GIS dataset. The NJTPA continues to collect and upload zoning code information into a non-graphic database. This is a time intensive process as each municipality has its own way of hosting data. However, the process is substantially complete. Central Staff is working on applications to host the zoning data and when complete, will share it with RTAC members. Central Staff may reach out to members for assistance gathering zoning data and zoning changes that are difficult to find. Central Staff is helping to upload the NJTPA region's data into the National Zoning Atlas system.

**Transition to Numetrics Crash Data Tool – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)**

NJDOT Division of Safety Programs and Transportation Data is in the process of implementing a new data access portal called AASHTOWare Safety by Numetric. This system will be an upgraded version of the Numetric Crash Analysis Tool available through the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. It will eventually replace Safety Voyager. Once fully operational in early 2026, NJDOT will be rolling it out to all their data users including the metropolitan planning organizations and their subregions. There will be complete roll-out information and training available as it gets closer to the launch. After it is fully operational, vetted and in use, NJDOT will begin sunseting Safety Voyager. NJDOT will be using this new system for its forthcoming public facing crash data portal.



## Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

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### Meeting Minutes August 11, 2025

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#### I. Roll call

RTAC Chair David Antonio called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Denise Truvillion, Central Staff, called the roll and 19 voting members were present.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Sussex County moved the minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting, Somerset County seconded, and the motion carried. There were no abstentions.

#### III. Presentation: Middlesex County Road Safety Audits Subregional Study

Ashta Negi, Senior Transportation Planner for Middlesex County, said the Road Safety Audit (RSA) Study was conducted through the NJTPA, as part of the Subregional Studies Program for FY 2024-2025. The consultant-supported study focused on road safety along five one-mile segments of county roads. The goal was to advance the county's Vision Zero Action Plan.

The county used the action plan's high injury network and data on frequency and severity of crashes, bicycle and pedestrian crash locations and prior studies to select the locations:

- Stelton Road (CR 529) in Piscataway/South Plainfield
- Plainfield Avenue (CR 529) in Edison
- Amboy Avenue (CR 653) in Perth Amboy
- Ryders Lane (CR 617) in Milltown/East Brunswick
- Ernston Road (CR 673) in Sayreville/Old Bridge

RSAs bring together a multidisciplinary team, including planning and engineering professionals, local officials, emergency services and other stakeholders, to analyze safety along a corridor and recommend improvements with the goal of reducing crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries. Ms. Negi said conducting the RSAs was one of the most effective project pipelines to take high-injury corridors from selection to implementation. Examples of recommendations in the study include upgrading existing traffic signals and installing flashing pedestrian activated lights, improving sidewalks, curb ramps and drainage and adding high-visibility crosswalks.

The county hosted an open house public meeting and conducted pop-up outreach to gather input from the public and local officials. The final data was presented to the public through a planning board meeting, and the study concluded in June 2025. The county plans to work with municipalities and other stakeholders to implement the short-term recommendations and seek funding for larger long-term projects.

The study report is available on the county's website [here](#), and the presentation is available [here](#).

#### IV. Information Items

##### IV. Transportation Management Association (TMA) Update

Tara Shepherd, Executive Director of goHunterdon, shared how TMAs are actively involved in the human services transportation planning process to support development of regional and county-level plans. TMA assistance includes identifying stakeholders, community surveys, promoting the planning process, serving on task forces, implementing recommendations through awareness campaigns and other direct assistance. TMAs have also begun to facilitate rides directly, including operating vital shuttle services to help people get to employment and meet daily needs, such as shuttles operated by EZ Ride, Greater Mercer and Cross County Connection.

Ms. Shepherd said TMAs are using transportation network companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft to supplement county paratransit services and build service capacity without purchasing more vehicles or adding more drivers. Avenues in Motion, EZ Ride, and Go Hunterdon are examples of TMAs that facilitate these types of rides. Additionally, Greater Mercer has a paid driver sedan program called Ride Provide.

Ms. Shepherd said the RideWise CollegeConnect program provides free bus tickets to students at Raritan Valley Community College. The KMM Ticket to Work program provides free or highly subsidized tickets for NJ TRANSIT services. These programs directly assist people in accessing employment and education.

She said the TMAs also promote walking and bicycling, including collecting and distributing bicycles to those in need, bike-sharing initiatives, and learn to ride programs. These efforts are always underpinned by a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety outreach to ensure that people can travel safely.

The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

#### **Regional Capital Investment Strategy Website**

Keith Miller, Central Staff, presented an overview of the major features of the draft Regional Capital Investment Strategy (RCIS) website. The presentation included a review of the Investment Principles, Performance Outcomes and Investment Categories sections of the site. The RCIS webpage includes the RCIS policy document, which is an appendix to *Connecting Communities: The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan*.

He said there are nine Investment Principles, which are generalized policies that guide investments and include drop-down menus with detailed background information. The Performance Outcomes section includes established outcomes from NJTPA planning goals, measures and targets. The three Investment

Categories are System Improvement, System Support and System Preservation. Mr. Miller encouraged committee members to contact him with questions or for more information.

The meeting recording can be viewed [here](#). The RCIS website is here: <https://rcis.njtpa.org>

### **PRIME: New Uses, Users and Content**

Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff, said the PRIME database’s main purpose is to bring together the work of subregions, partner agencies and the NJTPA into a single, centralized location to share information and support planning efforts. The workshop, titled “New Uses, New Users, and Content,” is tentatively scheduled for mid to late September. The workshop will cover three main areas: a review of recent studies, advancing PRIME to make it accessible to municipal viewers, and a demonstration of how the database has been successfully applied.

Mr. Vernick said the workshop agenda and date would be made available soon, and anyone interested in speaking at the workshop should contact him. He also encouraged subregions who need help uploading recommendations into the system to reach out for assistance.

The meeting recording can be viewed [here](#), and more information about PRIME can be found [here](#).

### **Planning for Emerging Centers**

Peter Bilton, Central Staff, said the Planning for Emerging Centers Program funds consultant-supported studies for municipalities to explore planning, transportation, land use, and regulatory changes designed to support economically sustainable mixed-use centers with transit, walking, and biking access. He thanked RTAC members for helping to spread the word about the solicitation and for providing letters of support to applicants.

He said NJTPA is currently conducting final conversations with the highest-ranked applicants and will announce which projects were selected soon. Subregions with locations where studies were awarded will become part of the study and serve as important stakeholders.

More information is available [here](#), and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

### **V. Written Information Items**

The Chair read the titles of the five written information items and the relevant Central Staff members. There were no comments or questions.

1. FY 2027 Subregional Transportation Program Solicitation and Subregional Workshop – Frank Tolbert
2. Congestion Management Process Completion – Eugene McGuinness
3. TMA Solicitation and Draft Work Plans – Jasmine Lawrence
4. Vibrant Places Program Solicitation – Blythe Eaman, Central Staff
5. Transit Hub Planning Program – Mr. Vernick

## VI. Review of Standing Committees Action Items

### Planning and Economic Development Committee

#### 2. Adoption of *Connecting Communities: The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan* and Accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination

Lois Goldman, Central Staff, said NJTPA is required to update the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every four years so that the region remains eligible for federal funding. *Connecting Communities* outlines a constrained financial element of about \$124 billion in anticipated funding available for transportation projects over the next 25 years. Other scenarios were developed should more or less funding become available. The LRTP includes a new section on housing and transportation accessibility, updated goals, which incorporate input from the Board's visioning workshop last year and public outreach, and discussions on safety, technology, and multimodal travel. She said a public comment period was held from July 7 to August 5, with feedback submitted on transit, trails, walkability, safety, and specific projects. A summary of the comments was shared with the Board. Prior to the public review, members of the NJTPA Board and RTAC provided input that was incorporated into the final draft.

Rick Cippoletti, Central Staff, said that the Air Quality Conformity Determination is required for both the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the LRTP. This process ensures projects do not worsen air quality or delay compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards under the Clean Air Act. The NJTPA region includes non-attainment areas that must meet these standards. He said the conformity analysis focused on two ozone-related pollutants: nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. Fine particulate matter is in a maintenance period, and while it is still monitored, it no longer requires emissions analysis. The Interagency Consultation Group, composed of federal and state agencies, guided the process and confirmed planning, modeling and project lists. Emissions results were well below the budget set in the State Implementation Plan, confirming that both the TIP and the LRTP conform. A 30-day public comment period was also held to gather feedback.

A summary of the action item is included in the agenda package for the Joint Committee meeting on page 13 [here](#).

#### 3. Approval of the FY 2026 Study and Development Program

Munsif Husami, Central Staff, said the FY 2026 Study and Development (S&D) Program is intended to identify and develop projects for potential future funding consideration through NJTPA's FY 2026-2029 TIP. The S&D Program contains initiatives led by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and NJ TRANSIT, as well as Local Concept Development projects that have been initiated by subregions and approved by the NJTPA.

Projects are selected based on technical review, regional priorities and available resources. Project prioritization criteria for the selections are rooted in regional goals to address transportation, environmental, social and economic factors. The selections also consider safety, project relationships, feasibility and geographic coverage.

The FY 2026 program emphasizes timely project delivery and includes input from local partners. Four projects that were part of the FY 2024 S&D Program have moved on to the FY 2026-2029 TIP and are sponsored by the NJDOT.

The draft FY 2026 S&D Program includes two projects with local sponsors, 52 NJDOT projects and various other studies programmed under nine NJ TRANSIT planning, study and development programs.

Approval of the FY 2026 S&D Program will allow it to move forward as part of the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and make key progress on major transportation initiatives.

A summary of the action item is included in the agenda package for the Joint Committee meeting on page 18 [here](#).

### **Project Prioritization Committee**

#### 1) Approval of the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and Accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination

Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff, said the TIP is a four-year, fiscally constrained list of federal and state-funded surface transportation projects for the NJTPA region to help fulfill the goals and strategies in the LRTP. The information for each project includes details on scope, funding sources and schedule.

The ~~Federal~~federal Air Quality Conformity requirements accompanying the TIP are addressed by evaluating how each of the TIP projects, and any regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source, impact air quality.

The FY 2026-2029 TIP allocates \$16.3 billion towards transportation investments in the NJTPA region. Approximately 58 percent of this is dedicated to system preservation, focusing on maintaining existing infrastructure in a state of good repair. System improvement receives 28 percent of the funding and includes enhancements or expansions to roads and transit, as well as dedicated improvements for freight, safety, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and intelligent transportation systems. The remaining 14 percent is for system support activities, such as planning and capital equipment procurement.

In FY 2026, the TIP allocates \$2.6 billion for NJDOT road, bridge, and infrastructure improvements, \$1.4 billion for NJ TRANSIT upgrades, and \$350 million in federal funding for the Gateway Development Commission's Hudson Tunnel Project.

Ms. Koenigkramer thanked the subregions, committees and Board for their reviews and input during the development of the TIP.

A summary of the action item is included in the agenda package for the Joint Committee meeting on page 42 [here](#).

#### 2) Approval of FY 2026 North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Self-Certification

Ms. Koenigkramer said this request is for the approval of the NJTPA Self Certification, which indicates the agency has followed all the required federal regulations in conducting its transportation planning responsibilities. In addition to the Federal Certification review conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) every four years to ensure the region meets federal planning requirements.

The NJTPA must also conduct self-certifications each time the entire TIP is updated and submitted to our federal sponsors. Federal regulations call for MPOs to certify that their planning process includes a continuing cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes, including requirements under the Clean Air Act and Americans with Disabilities Act.

A summary of the action item is included in the agenda package for the Joint Committee meeting on page 196 [here](#).

3) Minor Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funds to the Transit Enhancements/-Transportational Alternatives Program/-Alternate Transit Improvements Program

John Witsch, Central Staff, said this request is to add \$44.6 million of FTA Section 5339 funds for engineering, right-of-way, and construction in fiscal year 2025. The addition of these funds is necessary to renovate the Union City Bus Garage to create a public bus terminal, house administrative services, and charge and deploy battery electric buses.

A summary of the action item is included in the Joint Committee meeting agenda package on page 200 [here](#).

VII. Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

VIII. RTAC Teleconference – September 15, 2025 (Tentative)

The Chair asked anyone who had topics to address during the teleconference please contact him or Vice Chair Andras Holzmann.

IX. Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

X. Adjournment

Passaic County made a motion to adjourn at 11:31 a.m., Somerset County seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

## Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Attendance

**August 11, 2025**

<b>Voting Members</b>	
David Antonio (Chair)	Essex County
Andras Holzmann (Vice Chair)	Passaic County
Chris Helms	Bergen County
Mark Katriniak	Hudson County
Bob Hornby	Hunterdon County
Elias Guseman	City of Jersey City
Denise Nickel	Middlesex County
John Hayes	Morris County
Michael Nei	Monmouth County
Trevor Howard	City of Newark
Ken Wedeen	Somerset County
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Farzana Ahmed	NJDOT
Nathan Chadwick	NJ TRANSIT
Jay Shuffield	PANYNJ
Dorian Smith	Governor's Authorities Unit
Kamal Saleh	Union County
Max Carlson	Warren County
Charles Burton	Citizens Representative
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Various members	NJTPA Central Staff
Dolores Martinez Wooden	City of Newark
Tara Shepherd	goHunterdon
Tanner Thul	Hudson County
Astha Negi Vijayant Rajvanshi	Middlesex County
David Schmetterer Antonio Scanziani	Monmouth County
Prateeksha Sehgal	MBI
Evan Hanson	NJDOT
Jim Vari	NJ TRANSIT
Donna Allison	RideWise
Jonathan Eagle Samantha DeAndrea	Somerset County
Ricardo Matias	Union County
Max Carlson	Warren County
Antonia Patti	
Andrew Lappitt	
Brian Tobin	Keep Middlesex Moving
Chris Townley	
Dinesh Dixit	
Gregory Smith	

Marjory De Leon	
Ryan Sharp	
Shilpa Bhojappa	