



North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Andras Holzmann, Chair
Ryan Conklin, Vice Chair

Meeting Agenda

April 13, 2026

10:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Presentation: North Jersey Trails Network Initiative Update – Tiffany Robinson, Trails and Active Mobility Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition
- IV. Information Items
 1. TMA Update – Cheryl Kastrenakes, Executive Director, Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association
 2. Transportation Clean Air Measures Solicitation – Liz DeRuchie, Central Staff
 3. FY 2028-2029 Subregional Studies Solicitation – William Long, Central Staff
 4. Competitive Grants Update – Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff
 - Kings Highway Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Middletown Township
 - Route 72 Transportation & Safety Connector Project, Stafford Township
 - County Road 653/County Ave. Improvements, Hudson County
 5. Financial Plan Update: Route 72 Manahawkin Bay Bridges- Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff

6. Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity – Lois Goldman, Central Staff

V. Written Information Items

1. Climate Action Plan Input Request – Zenon Tech-Czarny, Central Staff
2. *From Streets to Stadiums* – Jasmine Lawrence, Central Staff
3. Coordination on CMAQ Performance Measure Target Setting for NY/NJ Urbanized Area – Keith Miller, Central Staff
4. Resilience Hubs – A Community Roadmap – Carrie Martin, Central Staff

VI. Review of Standing Committees Action Items

Project Prioritization Committee

1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by New Jersey Department of Transportation – Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff
 - Guiderail Upgrade Program, Statewide
 - Pavement Preservation Program, Statewide
 - Pavement Preservation NJTPA Program, Regionwide

VII. Other Items for Discussion

VIII .RTAC Teleconference: May 18, 2026 (tentative)

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026. In-person meeting at One Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

X. Adjournment

V. Written Information Items

Climate Action Plan Input Request – Zenon Tech-Czarny, Central Staff

As a reminder, Central Staff is seeking input from the NJTPA Subregions on the region’s progress toward achieving the strategies in the [NY-NJ Climate Action Plan](#). More information about the status report request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the plan’s Executive Summary was emailed to RTAC members on March 10.

Please respond by Friday, April 17, whether your subregion has made progress on the following strategies or has any upcoming plans to address them, so this information can be included in the status report to the EPA. These updates do not need to be long. They can be just one sentence per applicable strategy.

- Zero Emissions Vehicle Adoption
- Zero Emissions Truck and Bus Adoption
- Alternative Freight Modes
- Travel Demand Management and Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction
- Maritime and Aviation Emissions
- Building Electrification and Energy Efficiency
- Grid Decarbonization
- Waste Disposal Reduction
- Industrial Decarbonization

Please contact Zenon Tech-Czarny at ztech-czarny@njtpa.org with questions.

***From Streets to Stadiums* – Jasmine Lawrence, Central Staff**

With the World Cup coming to New Jersey, the NJTPA developed a guide to help communities in our region plan soccer-themed placemaking events and activations to enliven their public spaces, benefit our local economy, and bring communities together. [From Streets to Stadiums](#) offers ideas for developing simple, affordable, and easy-to-install components, including seating, activities, view screens, traffic calming elements, and more. This resource is designed for municipalities to use as a tool to inspire ideas and understand the community and economic benefits that placemaking efforts can yield. Check out the final booklet [here](#)!

The NJTPA is hosting a [Placemaking and the World Cup Webinar](#) on April 9 at noon.

Coordination on CMAQ Performance Measure Target Setting for NY/NJ Urbanized Area – Keith Miller, Central Staff

January 2026 marked the beginning of the third four-year performance period (2026 through 2029) for the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA’s) transportation performance management process. One set of national performance measures, those dealing with traffic congestion as part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, are measured at the urbanized area (UZA) level for UZAs with more than 200,000 people. These measures complement other performance

measures in areas of travel time reliability, emissions reduction, and roadway and transit safety and infrastructure conditions.

For this third performance period, the NJTPA planning area overlaps three such UZAs: most of the region is within the New York-Jersey City-Newark, NY-NJ (NY/NJ) UZA and small portions are in the Trenton, NJ (Trenton) and Allentown–Bethlehem, PA-NJ (Allentown) UZAs. State departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations are required to collaborate closely on collecting data, reporting performance to FHWA, and setting short-term (two- and four-year) targets for each UZA. These targets support agency performance-based planning and programming and must be included in documents such as the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

The traffic congestion measures are:

- percent non-single occupant vehicle (non-SOV) travel
- peak hour excessive delay (PHED) per capita

Recently, the NJTPA co-hosted a meeting for the NY/NJ UZA with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC). Also participating were staff from the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), along with other interested agencies. The subject of this meeting was to discuss trends and preliminary two- and four-year targets for the non-SOV performance measure. Available annual data through 2024 show that the percent of non-SOV travel increased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic and has remained relatively steady since 2022. Transit use and work-from-home activity are primary contributors to this measure.

Future meetings will be held to finalize the non-SOV targets and discuss trends and targets for the PHED measure. In upcoming months, NJTPA staff will also be coordinating with DVRPC and NJDOT on targets for the Trenton UZA; and with DVRPC, NJDOT, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Reading Area Transportation Study, and Pennsylvania DOT on targets for the Allentown UZA.

The targets need to be finalized and reported to NJDOT and FHWA by October 1. They will be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Committee at its August 17 meeting.

Resilience Hubs – A Community Roadmap – Carrie Martin, Central Staff

Central Staff, along with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) at Rutgers, developed [*Resilience Hubs – A Community Roadmap*](#). New Jersey communities can use this guide as a starting point for creating resilience hubs, which are multi-functional places that support residents by providing services and offering resources before, during, and after extreme weather events.

The guide provides a six-step roadmap to create a resilience hub, a toolkit with a collection of resources for providing and funding emergency and ongoing services, and case studies of resilience hubs across the country. Ultimately, this guide helps municipalities increase their ability to withstand and bounce back from extreme weather events through the implementation of these community-serving centers.

Contact Carrie Martin at cmartin@njtpa.org for additional information.