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Joint Meeting Agenda

June 15, 2026

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Roll Call
 - II. Approval of Minutes
 - III. Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Report – Andras Holzmann, Passaic County
 - IV. Presentation: Powering Ahead for Somerset County – Samantha DeAndrea, Director, and Ken Wedeen, Supervising Transportation Planner, Somerset County Division of Planning
 - V. Action Items

Project Prioritization Committee

1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by NJTPA – Blythe Eaman, Central Staff
 - Local CMAQ Initiatives, Regionwide
 - Small/Special Services Program, Statewide
2. Minor Amendment to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by NJDOT – John Witsch, Central Staff

- Bridge Deck/Superstructure Replacement Program, Statewide
 - Bridge Preventive Maintenance, Statewide
 - Bridge Replacement, Future Projects, Statewide
 - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program, Statewide
 - Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads Program, Regionwide
 - Oak Tree Road Bridge, CR 604, Middlesex County
 - Route 80 EB, Retaining Wall Replacement, Hardwick and Knowlton Townships, Warren County
 - Route 80/15 Interchange, Morris County
 - Route 287, Route 202 to Ramapo River, Morris, Bergen, and Passaic Counties
 - Safety Programs, Statewide
3. Modification to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by NJDOT – John Witsch, Central Staff
 - Delaware & Raritan Canal Bridges, Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties
 - Mobility and Systems Engineering Program, Statewide
 - Route 4, Bridge over Palisade Avenue, Windsor Rd and CSX Railroad, Bergen County
 4. Modification to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by NJTPA – Blythe Eaman, Central Staff
 - NJTPA Carbon Reduction Program, Regionwide
 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Section 5310 Program, Statewide
- VI. Written Items
1. FY2028-2029 Subregional Studies and Subregional Transportation Program Solicitations – William Long and Frank Tolbert, Central Staff
 2. Active Transportation Plan Refinement – Peter Zambito, Central Staff
 3. Safe Streets and Roads for All Advancement – Lois Goldman, Central Staff
- VII. Executive Director’s Update – David Behrend, Central Staff
- VIII. Other Items
- IX. Next Meeting: August 17, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
- X. Adjournment

VI. Written Information Items

1. FY 2028-2029 Subregional Studies and Subregional Transportation Program Solicitations – William Long and Frank Tolbert, Central Staff

The FY 2028–FY 2029 Subregional Studies Program (SSP) solicitation will be released in early June. This program supports studies that advance the goals and priorities of *Connecting Communities: The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan* and provides technical and financial assistance to subregions, on a competitive basis, to develop recommendations addressing local mobility and accessibility needs. Thumbnail sketches are due July 6, and full proposals are due August 13. For additional information, please contact William Long at wlong@njtpa.org.

The Subregional Transportation Planning (STP) Program provides funding to subregions, on an annual basis, to support subregional participation and contributions to the NJTPA's Metropolitan Planning Process. The NJTPA is beginning development of the FY 2028 STP solicitation, through which it will coordinate with subregions to develop their annual work programs. All 15 NJTPA subregions are required to participate in the STP program to be eligible to receive federal transportation funds. The FY 2027 solicitation will be shared with RTAC during the week of July 13 for comment and input, followed by a voluntary meeting with subregions to discuss input during the week of July 27. The full FY 2028 STP Solicitation package is scheduled for release during the week of August 24. There is no local contribution required to participate in the STP Program. For additional information, please contact the STP Program Manager, Frank Tolbert, at FETolbert@njtpa.org.

2. Active Transportation Plan Refinement – Peter Zambito, Central Staff

The Active Transportation Plan Refinement (ATPR) is underway with NV5 as the prime consultant and Mercer Planning Associates as sub-consultant. This study will advance recommendations from the NJTPA 2023 Active Transportation Plan by conducting corridor studies that advance the development of a regional continuous on- and off-road trail network. Corridors were identified in collaboration with the North Jersey Trail Network Initiative, which is led by the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition and Rails to Trails Conservancy. Trail advancement will focus on potential alignments within the corridors and associated improvements and implementation steps. The first study, in Morris and Union counties, focuses on the gap between the Traction Line and the Rahway Valley Rail Trail, while the second study, in Passaic and Morris counties, focuses on the gap between the Highlands Rail Trail and the Pompton Valley Rail Trail. Outreach with the public will begin over the summer. The ATPR is scheduled to conclude by June 30, 2027.

3. Safe Streets and Roads for All Advancement – Lois Goldman, Central Staff

A consultant-supported initiative to work with subregions and municipalities to advance local safety plan recommendations will be starting this summer. This effort will provide technical assistance to develop municipal safety plans, conduct further analysis, or create demonstration projects to address safety plan priorities. There will also be support for subregional Local Implementation Committees. These committees provided input during development of the plans and are instrumental for advancing safety priorities from these plans. Support will include building committee membership, identifying near- and long-term project and programmatic initiatives to improve safety, and creating metrics to measure success. The consultant effort will conclude on June 30, 2027.