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Joint Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2026

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

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Report – Andras Holzmann, Passaic County
- IV. Presentation: Berkeley Heights Transit Hub Strategic Plan – Mike DiGeronimo, Principal and Founder, In-TOWN Design Studio LLC
- V. Action Items

Project Prioritization Committee

- 1. Minor Amendment to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by NJDOT – John Witsch, Central Staff
 - Schalk’s Crossing Road Bridge, CR 683 Project, Middlesex County
- 2. Modification to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by NJ TRANSIT – John Witsch, Central Staff
 - Hudson-Bergen and Newark Light Rail Transit System, Regionwide

- Transit Enhancements/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Alternative Transit Improvements (ATI), Statewide

VI. Information Items

1. FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program – Angellita Young, Central Staff
2. Initial Financial Plan – Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff
 - Route 4, Bridge over Palisade Avenue, Windsor Road, and CSX Railroad
3. FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Development – Vanessa Koenigkramer, Central Staff
4. Expedited Modification to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program as Requested by NJ TRANSIT – John Witsch, Central Staff
 - Bridge and Tunnel Rehabilitation, Statewide
 - Bus Support Facilities and Equipment, Statewide
5. Competitive Grants and Congressionally Directed Spending Update – John Witsch, Central Staff
 - Union County Structurally Deficient Bridge Initiative, Union County
6. Regional Performance Measures Update – Keith Miller, Central Staff

VII. Written Items

1. Zoning Atlas Application and Dataset – Rick Cippolletti, Central Staff
2. FY 2027 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant Solicitation – Adam Iaccheo, Central Staff
3. Turning Plans into Action: Strategies for Transportation Safety Webinars – Lois Goldman, Central Staff
4. Progress on NJTPA Bicycle Travel Demand Model – Hella Alnajjar, Central Staff
5. Upcoming PRIME Users Group Meeting – Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff

VIII. Executive Director's Update – David Behrend, Central Staff

IX. Other Items

X. Next Meeting: December 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

VII. Written Information Items

Zoning Atlas Application and Dataset – Rick Cippoletti, Central Staff

The NJTPA Zoning Atlas provides a comprehensive, regionwide view of zoning across all 384 municipalities in the NJTPA region, bringing previously fragmented local information into a single, accessible resource for transportation and land-use planning. The completed Atlas integrates approximately 88,000 GIS records with detailed zoning regulations covering permitted uses, housing types, and development standards, with AI-assisted data collection significantly reducing the effort required to compile and maintain the information. Moving forward, the NJTPA will focus on establishing a sustainable update process in partnership with municipalities, subregions, and state agencies while expanding access and exploring applications in regional planning, transportation modeling, affordable housing, redevelopment, and potentially a broader statewide zoning database.

FY 2027 Safe Routes to School Grant Solicitation – Adam Iaccheo, Central Staff

Applications for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program are currently being accepted. The application deadline is **November 13, 2026**. Program requirements, application materials, and supporting documents can be found on the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center website: <https://www.njdotlocalaidrc.com/federally-funded-programs/safe-routes-to-school>

The SRTS Program provides funding for projects that support and encourage students to walk and bicycle to school safely. Eligible schools must serve students in grades K-12, and proposed projects must be located within two miles of a public or private school. Eligible applicants include county and municipal governments, school districts, and schools.

Mandatory pre-application meetings with NJDOT and NJTPA staff were held throughout August, September and concluded on October 16, 2026. NJTPA staff participated in approximately 50 pre-application meetings with prospective applicants.

NJDOT also concluded its SRTS Grant Application webinar series, with the final session held on October 8, 2026. Webinar topics included:

- Overview of Federal Aid Programs and the SRTS Program
- Detailed Review of the SRTS Grant Application
- Grant Application Process
- Available Grant Resources
- Tips and Strategies for Developing a Competitive Application

These webinars were designed to help applicants better understand the program requirements and prepare stronger grant applications. A recording of the first webinar is available here: https://youtu.be/3vEbhsIIHsM?si=64IEOHeme7_fjD69

Turning Plans into Action: Strategies for Transportation Safety Webinars – Lois Goldman, Central Staff

On November 4 at 1 p.m., the NJTPA is hosting the “Turning Plans into Action: Strategies for Transportation Safety” webinar, the first in a series to be held this fall and winter. The purpose of the first webinar is to share practical steps that counties and municipalities can take to begin addressing the priority safety needs and locations identified in their Local Safety Action Plans. 3

This workshop builds on the Local Safety Action Plans developed and adopted throughout New Jersey in recent years. Other webinars in the series will focus on rural, suburban and urban safety needs. The webinars are free and open to subregions, municipalities, and safety stakeholders.

These webinars are being held as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Advancement project, an NJTPA consultant support effort. In addition to the webinars, this initiative includes technical assistance to several municipalities to develop safety plans and priorities, and support for subregional Local Implementation Committees. These Committees are central to addressing each plan's safety needs and for working towards statewide, regional, and local Vision Zero goals.

Please register for the November 4 webinar [here](#). Additional information can be found [here](#).

Progress on NJTPA Bicycle Travel Demand Model – Hella Alnajjar, Central Staff

Central Staff continues to work closely with NJIT researchers to refine the bicycle travel demand model initially developed in FY 2025. In FY 2026, the project implemented methods to represent more realistic bicycle travel patterns as well as agent-based modeling tools to understand person level travel characteristics. The model was developed to support the NJTP's planning projects, particularly the Active Transportation Plan, by testing new bicycle connections.

This included a case study of The Greenway, a new bicycle corridor being constructed between Essex and Hudson counties. The findings had shown that the FY 2025 model did not fully capture volumes along the entire corridor, due to limited data. Thus, the refinement involved removing long-distance bicycle trips and limiting travel to short-distance commute and recreational trips.

In FY 2027, Central Staff will leverage additional data sources to develop more accurate predictions of bicycle travel in the region and further develop the agent-based model. Once completed, the model will be useful to assist in making informed planning decisions regarding the development of new bicycle connections or Complete Streets initiatives.

Upcoming PRIME Users Group Meeting – Jeffrey Vernick, Central Staff

The NJTPA's library of planning study findings, PRIME, has had significant increases in content in the past year, with 75 new studies and over 1,000 new records added. Significant additions included the results of Roadway Safety Audits, Complete Streets, safety planning, and subregional studies.

RTAC, partner agency and Central Staff will be invited to attend an upcoming PRIME users group meeting later this month. With an agenda featuring project manager presentations on the latest planning findings added to PRIME, municipal staff discussing the PRIME municipal accounts pilot program, staff previewing plans for an AI-equipped PRIME 2.5, and ways PRIME is helping to improve our interagency planning capabilities, we encourage all current and future users to attend.