

# North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

## MINUTES

May 9, 2011

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### A. Open Public Meetings Act Compliance

NJTPA First Vice Chairman Gene Feyl, Morris County Freeholder, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Beverly Morris reported that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975, adequate notice of this meeting had been forwarded to the Star Ledger, the Jersey Journal, the Record, the Courier News, the Asbury Park Press, and the New Jersey Herald News and posted in the Essex County Administration Building, Newark, New Jersey.

### B. Salute to the Flag

Acting Chairman Feyl led the Board of Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. Roll Call

Following the salute to the flag, Beverly Morris called the roll. Eighteen voting members were present. (Attachment 1).

### D. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Jersey City, seconded by Bergen County, and carried unanimously.

### E. Chairman's Remarks

Acting Chairman Feyl welcomed the Trustees and asked if there were comments from NJDOT and NJ Transit. David Kuhn, NJDOT, expressed appreciation for the work of NJTPA, NJDOT, and subregional staff in developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Transportation Capital Program (TCP) for FY 2012.

The Freeholder announced that Board Secretary Marie Della Pelle retired in April after over 20 years of service, and a letter was written on behalf of the Board thanking her for her years of service.

Freeholder Feyl also announced the April retirement of Deputy Executive Director Cliff Sobel after more than 30 years with the NJTPA. He said Mr. Sobel, who joined the agency at its inception, has been an outstanding shepherd who made major contributions to transportation planning efforts for the region. On behalf of the Board, he extended best wishes for Mr. Sobel in his retirement. The Freeholder said a party in Mr. Sobel's honor is planned for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Freeholder asked for a motion to approve a resolution recognizing Mr. Sobel's contributions to the NJTPA Board and the region's transportation planning process over his distinguished career. A motion was made by Middlesex County, seconded by Somerset County and carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

Freeholder Feyl reported that USDOT confirmed the recertification of the NJTPA metropolitan planning process following last year's certification review. He thanked all who participated in the challenging process, including staff and the Trustees, for their teamwork, which affirmed the organization's unique bipartisan approach to the betterment of transportation for the region's citizens.

Freeholder Feyl noted that the NJTPA has been focusing on technology applications for transportation and held a symposium in March that focused on the latest developments in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in New Jersey. He said there will be future symposiums on ITS and other aspects of technology and transportation. The Freeholder said that the next federal reauthorization may provide greater incentives for ITS implementation as well as other new opportunities and responsibilities for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He said the Legislative Update provided to the Board members that day contains further discussion of developments in Washington regarding reauthorization.

Freeholder Feyl mentioned that Dan Kennedy, Deputy Director of the state's Office of Planning Advocacy (formerly Office of Smart Growth) will address the Trustees at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee meeting. He urged all board members and subregional staff to attend.

#### **F. Executive Director's Report**

NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy reported that Chairman Sullivan and First Vice Chairman Feyl recently appeared on the Cablevision news-interview program "We've Got Issues." She said the full 40-minute video will be posted on the NJTPA website for the next 30 days and is being played at various times on Cablevision.

After a brief excerpt from "We've Got Issues" was played, Ms. Murphy highlighted two major action items on the day's agenda. The first is endorsement of the FY 2012 State Transportation Capital Program (TCP), which forms the basis for the NJTPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists federally funded capital investments over the next four years. Ms. Murphy said this year's TCP presented considerable challenges, and staff worked with NJDOT and the subregions through a series of meetings and negotiations to address differences over which projects move forward and when. She said the program before the Board emphasizes "fix it first" and "state of good repair" projects, such as bridge repair, roadway resurfacing and transit system preservation. She noted that continued progress was made in meeting regional transportation needs. Ms. Murphy thanked all parties for their cooperation and efforts over the past few weeks to see this to a successful conclusion.

Ms. Murphy said the next major action the Board would be considering is approval of the UPWP covering the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. She explained that the UPWP guides the planning initiatives of central staff and the subregions for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Ms. Murphy said staff received valuable input from Board members and the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) through special presentations and workshops. Staff worked diligently to respond to FHWA's request to revise the agreement and fee for administrative services with NJIT as host agency for the NJTPA.

Ms. Murphy noted that the UPWP before the Board includes a revised budget from what was presented at the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting in April, and it reflects changes made since the initial draft was distributed to the Board in December. The revised budget and a detailed list of the changes, along with the comments received concerning the draft document, were included in handouts distributed that day.

Ms. Murphy highlighted some significant changes to the document:

- Central staff's administrative costs will be combined with the NJIT's administrative fee, and incorporated into a new Indirect Costs budget line item.
- The budget line items for Hourly Salaries and Fringe Benefits have been reduced to reflect FY 2011 budget levels.
- The Budget and Volume I have been revised to include the continuation of the current Northeast New Jersey Metro-Mobility Study and a new Route 66 Local Concept Development Study.

Ms. Murphy also highlighted some new or expanded activities planned for the coming year. They include:

- Continued work with NYMTC next year to produce a common set of demographic forecasts for the NY/NJ Commuter shed,
- Study of opportunities for Bus Rapid Transit,
- An inventory of abandoned rail corridors in the region,
- A corridor study on Route 9 in Ocean County, one of the most congested corridors in the region,
- Setting goals and targets for regional greenhouse gas reductions based on the emissions inventory completed this year,
- A Local Planning Assistance Program to support smart growth studies by local governments,
- A solicitation for Concept Development projects that can be funded through our new Local Capital Program Delivery Program,
- Implementation of the Strategic Business Plan,
- Implementation of the Traffic Sign Inventory and Assessment Program, and
- New responsibility for management of all eight Transportation Management Associations or TMAs in the state. This latter item will be a significant new role for the NJTPA, involving helping to guide the TMAs in providing essential transportation services, as well as enabling better coordination between the TMAs and the Subregions.

Ms. Murphy noted a few miscellaneous updates and announcements:

- Staff is currently working with a consultant to develop the addendum to the long-range plan to remove the ARC project. The addendum will be presented at the next round of Committee meetings.
- The NJTPA received formal notice of its "preferred sustainability status" under the new USDOT-EPA-HUD Partnership for Sustainable Communities. This designation provides

extra points for HUD grant applicants in the region who work with the NJTPA and its partners on regional sustainability planning.

- The NJTPA welcomed a 13-person delegation from China on April 12th. The group consisted of officials from state and county-level agencies with interests in housing, urban-rural development and construction. NJTPA staff presented the region's project planning and implementation process, followed by an exchange of ideas.

Ms. Murphy said that the Deputy Executive Director position vacated by Mr. Sobel has been posted to the NJIT website and that recruitment is underway and will be closed shortly.

## **G. Committee Reports/Action Items**

- **Planning and Economic Development – Freeholder Matthew Holt, Chairman**

Freeholder Holt reported that the Committee considered one action item in March, concerning approval of Fiscal Year 2012 of the UPWP, which outlines all the transportation planning and related work to be done by Central Staff, the subregions, the TMAs and other agencies during the upcoming state fiscal year, which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the first draft of the UPWP was issued in December, and since then the document has been reviewed by the Planning and Economic Development Committee, as well as the federal partners and the Board. He said that, in addition to the Central Staff activities highlighted by Ms. Murphy, the work program now includes a new volume (VIII), which outlines the work program for the region's TMAs.

Freeholder Holt said that the Committee considered two action items at the April joint meeting:

- Approval of the latest rounds of the Job Access Reverse Commute program (JARC) and the New Freedom Grant Program - He said the JARC program has been providing transportation for low-income workers commuting from urban centers to jobs in the suburbs and other areas for almost 12 years. The New Freedom program, now in its second year, addresses transportation and mobility needs of travelers with disabilities. Freeholder Holt said approximately \$2.7 million will be allocated to JARC, and about \$2.2 million will be allocated to New Freedom, and both programs require a 50 percent local match for operations and a 20 percent local match for capital purchases or mobility management.
- Approval of the Allocation of FY 2011 CMAQ Funding to NJ Transit for the Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Initiatives - The action proposes using \$800,000 from the FY 2011 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program to retrofit the diesel locomotive engines of four passenger trains operating in northern New Jersey with rebuilt diesel engines and automatic start/stop systems, at a cost of \$250,000 per unit. The Freeholder said the funds will be matched with \$200,000 from NJ Transit.

The Freeholder noted that, also at the meeting, Central Staff updated the Committee on the status of an addendum to Plan 2035 that would remove the ARC rail tunnel from the plan while maintaining a strong emphasis on the need to expand trans-Hudson capacity.

### **ACTION ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF YEAR TWO OF THE FY 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) (Attachment 2)**

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Hunterdon County, seconded by Jersey City and carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF ROUNDS 12 AND 13 OF THE JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND THE FY 2011 NEW FREEDOM GRANT PROGRAM (Attachment 3)**

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jersey City, seconded by Ocean County and carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FY 2011 CMAQ FUNDING TO NJ TRANSIT FOR DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE RETROFIT INITIATIVE (Attachment 4)**

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jersey City, seconded by Somerset County and carried unanimously

- **Project Prioritization – County Executive Thomas DeGise, Vice Chairman**

Mr. DeGise reported that the Committee has considered four action items since the January Board meeting, two of which were on the Board agenda that day:

- Endorsement of the state’s proposed Transportation Capital Program for FY 2012 (April meeting) – Mr. DeGise noted that funding constraints presented many difficult challenges, and tough decisions about prioritization had to be made. He said that, although the region did not receive funding for all the projects that it needs, it did receive its fair share of funding for the upcoming fiscal year. He said, after careful consideration and negotiations with the state, the Committee recommended endorsement.
- Approval of the Funding Allocation for the Traffic Sign Inventory and Assessment Program (March meeting) – Mr. DeGise noted that, at its November meeting, the Board approved a modification to the current UPWP to add a new program that will use \$2 million in federal funds from the Local Preliminary Engineering program to help the subregions meet new federal requirements regarding signage. He said all fifteen subregions applied for funding under the program, and the technical review committee that considered the applications recommended an equal distribution of the funds—just over \$133,000 per subregion.

Mr. DeGise reported that, in other recent business, the Committee recommended approval of two sets of TIP modifications and amendments, and no further action is required:

- In March the Committee recommended approval of a series of modifications to the current Fiscal Year 2011 TIP. The modifications involve funding source changes in state and federal funds. State funding will be replaced by federal funding for two multi-county programs: the Design and Emerging Projects Program and the Intersection Improvement Program. The Freeholder said that, in addition, unprogrammed federal funds will be added to Ocean County’s Route 35 Mantoloking to Point Pleasant Restoration Project, which is ready to be authorized, and these adjustments will allow the project and the two programs to advance.
- At a special meeting held just before the Board meeting, the Committee approved a set of three administrative amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010-2013 TIP. Mr. DeGise said this package involves the reallocation of funds that are no longer needed for work on the Route 7, Hackensack River Bridge, also known as the Wittpenn Bridge. The funding will now be allocated to two projects that are ready for construction: The Route 35, Cheesequake Creek Bridge project in Middlesex County and the Route 130, Adams Lane project in Middlesex County. Additional funding for these two projects will be drawn

from unobligated federal balances.

**ACTION ITEM 4: ENDORSEMENT OF THE FY 2012 TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROGRAM**  
(Attachment 5)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Middlesex County, seconded by Jersey City and carried unanimously.

Frank Scarantino, Ocean County, thanked NJDOT for including the Barnegat Bay Watershed Storm Water Basin Study in the program and retaining the Route 9 Lakewood/Toms River Congestion Relief project in the program's out years.

Freeholder Peter Palmer, Somerset County, expressed appreciation for efforts to include the Route 206, Old Somerville Road to Brown Avenue project.

Freeholder Feyl pointed out that this kind of accommodation speaks to collegial attitude of the agencies to try to work together to resolve subregional issues and arrive at solutions that work for all parties.

**ACTION ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE MUTCD TRAFFIC SIGN INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** (Attachment 6)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Middlesex County, seconded by Essex County and carried unanimously.

- **Freight Initiatives – Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman**

Freeholder Palmer welcomed a new Vice Chairman to the Committee – Freeholder James Lacey of Ocean County, saying he looks forward to his participation in the committee's meetings and activities.

Freeholder Palmer reported that, in February, the Committee was joined by Erik DeLine, of the Morris County Division of Transportation, who spoke about the county's freight planning initiatives and rail improvement projects. He said Morris County is the only NJTPA subregion that actually owns freight lines (the county owns three). Mr. DeLine also outlined elements of the county's Freight Infrastructure & Land Use Analysis, a comprehensive two-year study examining the role of the goods movement industry in Morris County's transportation network and how it impacts the county's economy and land use policy. The study is being funded through the NJTPA Subregional Studies Program.

Freeholder Palmer said that, also at the meeting, Central Staff provided an overview of the Subregional Studies Program, which provides financial and technical assistance to subregions for conducting planning studies that help advance the recommendations of Plan 2035. He encouraged interested subregions to consider freight rail studies for future solicitations.

The Freeholder reported that, at the April meeting, Captain J. C. Flumignan of the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, known as MARAD provided an overview of MARAD's Intermodal System Development program, which addresses infrastructure development and congestion mitigation, marine highways and passenger services, deep water ports and offshore activities, shipper and carrier outreach, and gateway projects. Freeholder said the Captain reported that several North Atlantic gateway projects that were recently

approved for MARAD grants including the East Coast Marine Highway, New Jersey Marine Platform, Trans-Hudson Rail Barge, and Hudson River Food Corridor.

Freeholder Palmer said that, also at the April meeting, James Greller of the Hudson County Improvement Authority, who updated the committee on the progress of the Portway initiative – a series of New Jersey Department of Transportation projects that will improve access between the Newark-Elizabeth Airport/Seaport Complex and the intermodal rail yards and warehousing to the north. Mr. Greller said that the upgrade of Doremus Avenue in Newark from Port Street to Raymond Blvd. has been completed, as well as a bridge over Oak Island Yards. Mr. Greller also said improvements to Charlotte and Tonnele Circles in Jersey City are in progress, and the Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge replacement is in the Final Design phase.

The Freeholder said that NJTPA Freight Planning Director Ted Matthews informed the committee of several freight-related projects in the Fiscal Year 2012 Transportation Capital Program.

Acting Chairman Feyl announced that a golden spike driving ceremony on the ARRA-funded rehabilitated Chester Branch Railroad was scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, and he invited the Trustees to attend. The Freeholder noted that the Chester Branch has opened up economic opportunities to Morris County and already has generated \$198 million in new revenues. The railroad is owned by Morris County, and sublet to an operator.

Mr. DeGise commented on the approval of the administrative amendments to the TIP that morning. Freeholder Feyl asked that Mr. DeGise's comments be entered into the record verbatim:

The approval of the administrative amendments which was accomplished at the subcommittee meeting earlier today, I understand did not require the vote of the full panel. Just a couple of things I wanted to put on the record that came up at the subcommittee meeting, and that would be the moving of the money from the Wittpenn Bridge Project. You heard from Jim Greller, you heard from a few other people talking about the importance of that particular project. It has been long waited for it has been in conjunction with many of the other projects in the Charlotte and Tonnele Avenue Circles there and the Portway project. It is something that is absolutely necessary, and it is always a little scary to see money be taken out and used for something else with promise of money coming from another place to replace it. You know things get lost in the shuffle, and this is a shuffle. I voted for that and I will stand by that off of promises by Port Authority, by NJDOT, by the Governor's office, that the money coming from the Port Authority will be able to fill that void, and if not then the state will come and make good on the that promise. It is imminent, that project. We will be building in the summertime. Contracts are awarded very shortly it will be advertised very shortly. We have been waiting for a long time for this project that has been set back for various reasons over the years. We are right at the starting line right now. We don't want to lose that. There is a matter of trust that is going into this. It came up at the prioritization meeting before this meeting. I just want to put it on to the record that Hudson County supports this in the collegial manner the Chairman is talking about. This is a project of utmost importance. The most important project that Hudson County in that region has going right now is the Wittpenn Bridge project and we are going to hold everybody's feet to the fire on that promise.

Jersey City Councilman Michael Sottolano concurred with Mr. DeGise's remarks noting that the project is part of the gateway into Jersey City.

**J) Public Participation**

There were no comments from the public

**K) Time and Place of Next Meeting**

Acting Chairman Feyl announced that the next meeting of the NJTPA will be held on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the NJTPA offices at One Newark Center, Newark, NJ.

**L) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by unanimous verbal acclaim.

**NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC.**

**Attendance Record: May 9, 2011**

The following people were present:

**VOTING MEMBERS/ALTERNATES**

**STAFF & OTHERS**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

Ms. Johanna Barba Jones

**NJDOT**

David Kuhn

Thomas A. Wospil

**NJ TRANSIT**

Richard Roberts

**PANYNJ**

David Wildstein

Lou Venech

**CITIZEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Not Represented

**BERGEN COUNTY**

Rob Garrison

Donna Orbach

**ESSEX COUNTY**

Sanjeev Varghese

David Antonio

**HUDSON COUNTY**

Hon. Thomas DeGise

John Lane

**HUNTERDON COUNTY**

Hon. Matthew Holt

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**STAFF & OTHERS**

**JERSEY CITY**

Hon. Michael Sottolano

Naomi Hsu

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

George Ververides

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**

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Joe Ettore

**MORRIS COUNTY**

Hon. Gene Feyl

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**NEWARK**

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Mr. Frank Scarantino

**PASSAIC COUNTY**

Michael LaPlace

Michael Lysicatos

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Hon. Peter Palmer

Walt Lane

**SUSSEX COUNTY**

Hon Susan Zellman

Tom Drabic

**UNION COUNTY**

Hon. Angel Estrada

Liza Betz  
M. Willard

**WARREN COUNTY**

Brian Appezatto

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Bakari Lee, NJTPA Legal Counsel  
Denise Chaplick, Baker Corp.  
Patrice Mallejs, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Hon. Robert Roe, Roe & Associates  
Don Kuser, Roe & Associates  
J. C. Greller, Hudson County Improvement Authority  
Jon Livingston, Jacobs  
Tara Shepherd, HART TMA/TMAC  
Stewart Weiss, Inman RR Committee  
Jennifer Ganley, Dewberry  
Kathy Montero, New Jersey City University  
Gary Johnson, Newark  
Lissette Miquel, The RBA Group

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Eve Chamberlain  
Jeffrey Perlman  
Zenobia Fields  
Karl Vilacoba  
Josh Schneider  
Ann Ludwig  
Ted Ritter  
Chris Roche  
John Shote  
Sara Diaz  
Scott Rowe  
Jeffrey Perlman  
David Dawson

**RESOLUTION A-584: APPROVAL OF YEAR-TWO OF THE FY 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

**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 pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 104 (f) et. seq. and 49 U.S.C. 1607 et. seq. is responsible for the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to guide the transportation planning process in northern New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Year-two of the Fiscal Year 2011–2012 Unified Planning Work Program (FY 2012, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) describes all urban transportation and transportation related planning activities to be undertaken by the NJTPA Central Staff, NJDOT, NJ Transit, NJTPA Subregions, Transportation Management Associations, and other planning agencies in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program is fully consistent with the USDOT Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR part 450) which became effective February 14, 2007, as well as Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

**WHEREAS**, any FY 2012 Compensation Plan and salary parameters will be subject to Executive Committee approval and NJIT confirmation and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA hereby approves Year-two of the FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program for the region;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA directs its Executive Director to adjust the allocation of costs contained in the current budget according to the final resolution of administrative and indirect cost rates currently under discussion among FHWA, NJDOT, NJIT and the NJTPA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the final adjusted budget will be reviewed by the NJTPA Executive Committee and distributed to all Board members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for submission to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

This resolution shall take effect this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

**RESOLUTION A-585: APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS FOR THE FY 2010 AND 2011 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND THE FY 2011 NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has made funding available through the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom Grant Programs on a competitive basis for transportation services to support initiatives to increase access to employment opportunities for low income citizens and to improve mobility and accessibility for disabled individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJTPA is the Metropolitan Planning Organization which has been designated by the FTA as the organization responsible for selecting proposed projects in urbanized areas of 200,000 people or more for submittal to the FTA for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the FTA has urged that a single recipient submit a consolidated application for the JARC and New Freedom programs for the NJTPA region; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected agencies have agreed that the region's transit provider, NJ Transit, should serve as the single recipient of the program funds and submit the consolidated application; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJTPA adopted a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) on May 12, 2008 which establishes the framework for service providers to collaborate in the provision of transportation services in a coordinated manner; and

**WHEREAS**, a solicitation was conducted seeking applications for the JARC and New Freedom programs in December 2010, and was sent to all subregions and service providers in the region, and to the County Human Services Coordinators, and was publicly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJTPA, with assistance from the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC), established a JARC/New Freedom Review Subcommittee to apply the adopted criteria and to review, score and rank all proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the JARC/New Freedom Review Subcommittee reviewed 24 proposals for federal eligibility, adherence to JARC and New Freedom goals, and consistency with the CHSTP; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection committee met, reviewed, and scored the proposals and has recommended the attached list of projects for the FY 2010 and FY 2011 JARC Program (Rounds 12 & 13) and the FY 2011 New Freedom Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this program will continue existing JARC services that were endorsed by the NJTPA Board of Trustees on May 8, 2006; add a new project under JARC; and will continue existing services and add new services under the New Freedom Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding levels shown on the attached recommended list of proposals reflects the amounts requested by applicants, however, NJ Transit will make the final determination for allocations when the FTA funding levels are finalized; and

**WHEREAS**, upon FTA approval, all funding for JARC and New Freedom programs must be amended to the NJTPA's FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) hereby endorses the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Job Access and Reverse Commute and the FY 2011 New Freedom Competitive Grant Programs shown in the attached tables.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA agrees to amend the TIP once the programs have been approved for funding by FTA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to FTA, NJDOT and NJ Transit.

This Resolution shall take effect this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

**RESOLUTION A-586: APPROVAL OF FY 2011 LOCAL CMAQ INITIATIVES FUNDING FOR NJ TRANSIT'S DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE RETROFIT PROGRAM**

**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, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 104 (f) et. seq. and 49 U.S.C. 1607 et. seq., is responsible for the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to guide the transportation planning process in northern New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2011 UPWP approved by the NJTPA Board of Trustees on March 8, 2010 describes all metropolitan transportation and transportation related planning activities to be undertaken by NJTPA Central Staff, NJDOT, NJ Transit, the NJTPA member Subregions and other applicable transportation agencies in the region for Fiscal Year 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, any additions, deletions or changes to the UPWP require the action of the NJTPA Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, \$2 million in USDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds was programmed in the adopted NJTPA FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of reducing congestion and/or mobile source emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1,200,000 of the FY 2011 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program funding has been allocated by the NJTPA Board of Trustees to support the second year of funding to local shuttle programs, leaving \$800,000 available to support additional CMAQ-eligible projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJTPA conducted a study of possible transportation clean air measures (TCAMs), to identify appropriate efforts to pursue to reduce mobile source emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, advancement of efforts to reduce emissions from diesel locomotives was one of the beneficial clean air measures identified in the study; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Transit has developed a Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Program that will result in quantifiable reductions in diesel emissions and noise pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Transit Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Program under consideration consists of purchasing four UTEX rebuild EMD 16-645E3B diesel engines incorporating the EPA-certified Tier 0+ emissions kit and four required AESS (Automatic Engine Start Stop) systems to replace older GP-class work train and service locomotives in the northern New Jersey region; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Transit has requested that NJTPA consider allocating the balance of FY 2011 funding from the Local CMAQ Initiatives Program to fund the NJ Transit Diesel locomotive Retrofit Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$800,000 of available FY 2011 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program funding can appropriately be applied to the NJ Transit Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Initiative, with a \$200,000 local match from NJ Transit bringing funds to a total of \$1M.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA Board of Trustees hereby approves the allocation of \$800,000 from the Local CMAQ Initiatives Program to NJ Transit for NJ Transit's Diesel Locomotive Retrofit Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NJTPA Board of Trustees approves the inclusion of this project to Volume VI of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program, Section One, Part One.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution along with the attached documentation be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Transit and Federal Transit Administration.

This resolution shall take effect this 9th day of May 2011.

**RESOLUTION A-587: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT FY 2012  
TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Inc. is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for updating the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the northern part of New Jersey as required by 23 CFR 450 and CFR 613 B; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Draft Transportation Capital Program is a list of all highway, bridge, transit and related projects funded with federal, state and certain other funds that were submitted this year to the New Jersey Legislature in March 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Draft Transportation Capital Program forms the basis for the development of the Draft FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, discussions have been held between NJTPA and NJDOT that has resulted in changes to the Draft Transportation Capital Program as reflected in the attached Addendum to the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJTPA's share of total funding as reflected in the Draft Transportation Capital Program is 78.3 percent compared with the NJTPA expected share of 75 percent (region's proportion of the state's population and employment); and

**WHEREAS**, NJDOT agrees to work to *maintain* the NJTPA regional share for next year's Draft FY 2013 Transportation Capital Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA hereby endorses the Draft FY 2012 Transportation Capital Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA and NJDOT will work to advance unfunded projects, as additional funding becomes available.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NJTPA directs Central Staff to begin to assemble the Draft FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie; NJDOT Commissioner James Simpson; NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein; Chairman of the New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee, Nicholas Sacco; and Chairman of the New Jersey Assembly Transportation Committee, John Wisniewski.

This Resolution shall take effect this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

**RESOLUTION A-588: APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE MUTCD TRAFFIC SIGN INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Inc. is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for updating the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the northern part of New Jersey as required by 23 CFR 450; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is the national standard for all traffic control devices on any street or highway open to public travel; and

**WHEREAS**, effective January 2008, the MUTCD established minimum levels of retroreflectivity on traffic signs that includes all regulatory, warning and guide signs and requiring all public agencies to meet certain deadlines; and

**WHEREAS**, the MUTCD Traffic Sign Inventory and Assessment Program was established by the NJTPA in an effort to assist member subregions in complying with these regulations that include the establishment of a sign assessment or management method by January 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this program is to provide subregional support in the inventory of traffic signs and the establishment of appropriate sign management methods to maintain traffic sign retro-reflectivity at or above the minimum MUTCD compliance levels; and

**WHEREAS**, \$2 million in federal STP-NJ funding was added to the FY 2011 UPWP for this program by action of the NJTPA Board of Trustees on November 8, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, all fifteen subregions received a solicitation notification in December 2010 inviting them to submit thumbnail applications for the program and fifteen applications were received; and

**WHEREAS**, a Technical Review Committee comprised of Central Staff and two county engineers have reviewed the applications. Based on this information, several funding scenarios were explored and it has been determined that equitable distribution of funds is the most judicious approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Review Committee recommends equitable distribution of funds (\$133,333 per member subregion); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby recommends equitable distribution of funds (\$133,333 per member subregion) for the MUTCD Traffic Sign Inventory and Assessment Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and to the Counties of the selected applicants for both programs.

This resolution shall take effect this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.