

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE

Freeholder Gene Feyl, Chairman
County Executive Thomas DeGise, Vice Chairman

Minutes

July 14, 2011

I. Roll call of members

Chairman Feyl called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and nine members of the Project Prioritization Committee (PPC) were present.

II. Action items

Martin Hofler, Central Staff, explained that both sets of modifications on the agenda reflect the intention to expend all federal funding by the end of the federal fiscal year. He said these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2011 or be rescinded and reallocated to other states. Mr. Hofler noted that the funds are not new or additional, but already authorized and allocated for FY 2011 to projects that will not use them this year. He said that concurrence on the modifications was received from all subregions.

1. Approval of NJDOT Modifications to the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Hofler said that NJDOT's proposed modifications involve financial adjustments to 12 projects in various counties. \$55.7 million in FY 2011 funding will be reallocated from projects unable to use all their funding this year to projects in need of additional funding.

Projects in need of additional FY 2011 funding:

- Route 78 rehabilitation, Contract B, Union and Essex Counties
- Bridge Deck Replacement (Route 280 over Whippany River), Morris County
- Route 9 Resurfacing, Monmouth County
- Route 23, Bridge over Pequannock River, Morris and Passaic Counties
- Route 335 Restoration, Berkley Township, Ocean County
- Route 35 Restoration, Toms River, Ocean County

Projects unable to use all their FY 2011 funding (to be funded in FY 2012):

- Route 46, Main Street, Bergen County
- Route 139, Contract 3, Hudson County
- Routes 1&9, Pulaski Skyway interim repairs, Hudson and Essex Counties
- Route 3 over Northern Secondary, Hudson County
- Route 46, Passaic Avenue, Essex and Passaic Counties
- Route 46, Hackensack River Bridge, Bergen County

Donna Orbach Bergen County, inquired about the delay of funding for the Route 46, Hackensack River Bridge Project to FY 2012. Tom Wospil, NJDOT, explained that right-of-way

(ROW) acquisition for the project is not yet complete, and the project cannot move forward until ROW is clear.

A motion to approve the modifications was made by NJDOT, seconded by Morris County and carried unanimously.

2. Approval of NJ Transit Modifications to the FY 2010-2013 TIP

Mr. Hofler noted that this action would update the NJ Transit portion of the FY 2010-2013 TIP. He detailed the financial adjustments in FY 2011 as follows:

- \$25 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding from the cancelled Access to the Region's Core (ARC) project to be reallocated to the Rail Rolling Stock Procurement line item in the TIP
- \$100 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding from the cancelled ARC project reallocated to the Preventive Maintenance-Rail line item and the Preventive Maintenance-Bus line item.

Hunterdon County Freeholder Director Matthew Holt asked for clarification that the funding will be allocated to existing maintenance projects, not additional projects. Rich Roberts, NJ Transit, confirmed this and explained that NJ Transit is committed to a proactive maintenance and overhaul strategy to implement state-of-good-repair system-wide. It was noted that these funds would not be subject to potential payback resulting from an ongoing issue surrounding the federal claim for reimbursement of ARC funding that was already expended. Mr. Wospil offered clarification that the two actions involve FY 2011 funding, not FY 2010.

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

George Ververides, Middlesex County, asked about the status of approval of the FY 2012 Project Development Work Program (PDWP), which was tabled at the June joint committee meeting. Karen Shannon, Central Staff said the PDWP will be presented to the PEDC at the August 22nd joint meeting and then forwarded to the Board for approval at its August 29th meeting.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Project Prioritization Committee
ATTENDANCE
July 14, 2011

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Gene Feyl (Chairman)	Morris County
County Executive Thomas DeGise (Vice Chairman)	Hudson County
Freeholder Susan Zellman	Sussex County
Freeholder Director Matthew Holt	Hunterdon County
George Ververides	Middlesex County
Donna Orbach	Bergen County
Rich Roberts	NJ Transit
Thomas A. Wospil	NJDOT
Frank Scarantino	Ocean County
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Lou Millan	NJ Transit
Tom Drabic	Sussex County
Sue Dziamara	Hunterdon County
Mary K. Murphy	Central Staff
Karen Shannon	Central Staff
Martin Hofler	Central Staff
Ann Ludwig	Central Staff
David Behrend	Central Staff
Amy Magnuson	Central Staff
Eve Chamberlain	Central Staff
Zhen Liu	Central Staff
Rich Stoolman	Central Staff
John Shote	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff