



*Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman*  
*Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director*

**THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Freeholder Director Matthew Holt, Chairman  
County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Vice Chairman

**THE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE**

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

**Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**September 12, 2011**

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I. Roll call of members

PPC Chairman Gene Feyl, Freeholder, Morris County, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There were 12 members of the PPC and nine members of the PEDC present.

II. Salute to flag

III. Action items:

**PPC 1 – Approval of NJDOT/NJTPA modifications to the FY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Eve Chamberlain, Central Staff, explained that the modification package is part of a normal end-of-year process to ensure that all federal funds in the TIP are obligated and not subject to return for reallocation to other states or regions. She said three projects and seven programs in the TIP will not be able to be fully obligated in FY 2011, and two projects were identified that can use funding right away.

Freeholder Susan Zellman, Sussex County, said the county will vote in favor of the modifications, but there is concern over one project – CR 517, Rt. 23 to Rt.94, which will not be obligated in FY 2011. She said the county has already invested \$10 million in the project, which may have to be paid back to FHWA because the project is nearing the 10-year deadline for construction. The Freeholder said the current process for addressing the 10-year rule affords the counties little control and little is known about a new process for applying for extensions.

NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy proposed that NJTPA capital programming staff meet with the RTAC to identify specific projects currently confronted with the 10-year rule and work with NJDOT to more closely track their status. Freeholder Zellman said communication from NJDOT about specific process requirements is needed. George Ververides, Middlesex County, echoed Freeholder Zellman's concerns noting that Middlesex is having a similar problem with a bike/ped project in New Brunswick, which is being delayed by problems with local utility companies' unwillingness to enter necessary agreements.

Freeholder Feyl suggested a higher level of awareness and interface on a regular basis among all parties to identify and focus on projects approaching 10 years. He also suggested bringing pressure to bear on resistant utility companies if necessary.

David Kuhn, NJDOT, said that part of the new process for administering the 10-year rule is to screen and vet projects at the Preliminary Engineering phase well enough to determine their ability to be completed in 10 years.

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

**PEDC 2 – Approval of NJTPA Participation in the Development of a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the NJTPA Region through the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program**

Ms. Murphy recalled that, last year, the NJTPA was part of a diverse consortium that submitted a proposal under the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. She noted that, while the region did not receive a grant last year, it scored high enough to be designated with "preferred sustainability status," an advantage when applying for future grants. She said another round of the HUD grant program is underway and the consortium will resubmit an application. Ms. Murphy said Rutgers University will serve again as grant applicant and administrator. She introduced Jon Carnegie of the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers to provide further details.

Mr. Carnegie said Rutgers will submit an application for a \$5 million grant that will be similar to last year's, and the new application will address feedback received from HUD. He said that, if the application is successful, the consortium will develop a comprehensive regional plan for sustainable development that capitalizes on transit-oriented development opportunities while addressing sustainability issues such as water quality, energy use, economic development, climate change, work force development and other issues. He said the plan implementation period remains at three years, and the planning horizon requirement is 20 years. He also said efforts will be made to make the plan consistent with NJTPA planning documents and activities.

Mr. Carnegie said the deadline for the application is October 6<sup>th</sup>, and a first draft will be reviewed by the application working group who will meet the next week. He said letters of support and commitment from consortium members are required for the grant application, and he noted that the NJTPA will provide both a Board resolution to this effect as well as individual

letters of support of from the subregions. Rutgers will compile all letters and resolutions from the other consortium members.

Ms. Murphy reported that an information session was held the previous week for the subregions, and their letters of support from last year had been distributed to them for updating by September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ververides said that it is necessary to impress on HUD and the state that some counties have adopted sustainability plans already and need financial assistance to implement them. Freeholder Zellman agreed that there is not enough emphasis on implementation.

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

#### IV. Adjournment

At 10:05 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by

**JOINT COMMITTEE  
ATTENDANCE  
September 12, 2011**

**Project Prioritization Committee**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Gene Feyl, Chairman	Morris County
County Executive Thomas DeGise	Hudson County
Donna Orbach	Bergen County
David Antonio	Essex County
Sue Dziamara	Hunterdon County
George Ververides	Middlesex County
Joseph Ettore	Monmouth County
Susan Zellman	Sussex County
Liza Betz	Union County
Johanna Barba Jones	Governor's Office
David Kuhn	NJDOT
Richard Roberts	NJ Transit

**Planning and Economic Development Committee**

VOTING MEMBERS	
Freeholder Jason Sarnoski	Warren County
Councilman Michael Sottolano	Jersey City
David Antonio	Essex County
Sue Dziamara	Hunterdon County
Michael Lysicatos	Passaic County
Bob Bzik	Somerset County
Liza Betz	Union County
David Kuhn	NJDOT
Richard Roberts	NJ Transit

OTHERS	
Denise Chaplick	Baker
Ronnie Piccolo	Hatch Mott MacDonald
Jon Livingston	Jacobs Engineering
Naomi Hsu	Jersey City
Anthony Gambilonghi	Middlesex County
Anthony Gamallo	Monmouth County
Robert DeSando	NJDOT
Michael Campa	NSC
Patrice Malleus	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Bettina Zimny	RBA Group
Joanne Stokes	Stokes Creative

Ron Reinhardt	Transit Center Inc.
John Ciaffone	TransOptions
David Dech	Warren County
Brian Appezzato	Warren County
Mary K. Murphy	Central Staff
Karen Shannon	Central Staff
Lois Goldman	Central Staff
Martin Hofler	Central Staff
Beth Johnson	Central Staff
David Behrend	Central Staff
Ann Ludwig	Central Staff
Keith Miller	Central Staff
Amy Magnuson	Central Staff
Rich Stoolman	Central Staff
Beverly Morris	Central Staff