



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

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MINUTES

November 14, 2011

A. Open Public Meetings Act Compliance

First Vice Chairman Feyl 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 *Asbury Park Press*, the *Courier News*, the *Daily Record*, the *Home News Tribune*, the *Jersey Journal* and the *New Jersey Herald*. It was posted in the Essex County Administration Building, Newark, New Jersey, and on the bulletin board of the Lieutenant Governor, Trenton, New Jersey.

B. Salute to the Flag

The Vice Chairman led the Board of Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Following the salute to the flag, Beverly Morris called the roll. Thirteen voting members were present, and one more arrived after approval of the minutes. (Attachment 1).

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting was made by Middlesex County, seconded by NJDOT and carried with 12 affirmative votes. Somerset County abstained.

E. Vice Chairman's Remarks

Vice Chairman Feyl noted that the State's Office of Planning Advocacy released its draft State Strategic Plan, and the State Planning Commission is expected to begin the process of presenting the draft for public review, in anticipation of its adoption later this spring. He said the plan will replace the State Development and Redevelopment Plan as the guide for Trenton's approach to planning. The Vice Chairman said NJTPA staff has reviewed the draft and finds that, overall, it aligns well with planning for this region. He said the NJTPA will continue to monitor this

process and to further analyze the State Strategic Plan's relationship with this region's long-range Regional Transportation Plan and other work.

Vice Chairman Feyl said the NJTPA worked very closely with the Office of Planning Advocacy, the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers and others on an application for funding under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. He said staff at the Office of Planning Advocacy ensured that the core approach outlined in the application is in keeping with the goals and objectives of the draft State Strategic Plan. Winners of these federal grants are expected to be announced by the end of the month.

The Vice Chairman touched on recent legislative developments in Washington regarding surface transportation authorization and funding. He said the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which oversees the nation's highways, passed an authorization bill dubbed "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" or MAP-21. The draft bill proposes to fund highway programs at current levels for the next two years while consolidating programs and seeking to speed the project approval process. In terms of metropolitan planning, Vice Chairman Feyl said the draft bill makes it clear that Congress is looking to make the process more performance-driven, with MPOs being called on to establish performance goals and measures. He said it was encouraging to see this draft Senate bill pass out of committee with unanimous, bipartisan support. He said that sort of bipartisan cooperation – which is exhibited by the NJTPA Board at the regional level – is essential if this nation is going to improve its infrastructure to encourage job growth and economic development.

The Vice Chairman said it is good to see Congress dealing much more directly with transportation and infrastructure investment than it has in quite some time. He noted that many questions remain about the bill and other related legislation in Congress – including how much of this work will be funded. He said the NJTPA must to be ready to deal with the funding uncertainties ahead.

F. Executive Director's Report

NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy briefed the Board members on Central Staff activities since the September Board meeting.

- Pilot Local Planning Assistance program – Ms. Murphy explained that the program will offer aid to municipalities interested in pursuing sustainable development. She said the NJTPA has been working with the subregions, NJ Transit, NJDOT, the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, NJIT and the Regional Plan Association to identify potential work with several candidate municipalities, including Morristown, Little Falls and Bound Brook.
- Fiscal Year 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Ms. Murphy reported that many of the new initiatives being proposed for the FY 2013 Program were presented at the October joint meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and the Project Prioritization Committee, as well as the recent RTAC meeting. She emphasized that development of the UPWP is an open process, and there will be several

opportunities for discussion and input before the March Board meeting, when the Board will be asked to consider approval of the UPWP. She noted that updating the Regional Transportation Plan to a 2040 horizon year is a key focus of next year's work.

Ms. Murphy said the draft UPWP will be presented at the December committee meetings. She stressed that there are ample opportunities for comment, and a forum for interested parties will be held after the January Board meeting. She urged the Board members or any interested party to share their thoughts during the meetings or contact her, Karen Shannon, or any of the agency's division directors directly at any time.

- October 28th symposium: "Improving Real-time Operations" – Ms. Murphy thanked Freeholder Director Holt, who welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of real-time information to decision making for transportation operations. She said the event explored cutting-edge technologies such as adaptive traffic signal controls, transit pedestrian and location technology, and 3-D simulation software, all of which have the potential to transform the region's transportation system in the near future. She noted that the proceedings are covered in-depth in the NJTPA publication, *Spotlight*. [Videos and slide show files of the presentations](#) are available on the NJTPA website.

Ms. Murphy noted that much of the technology discussed at the symposium is geared toward helping the transportation system and its users better respond to disruptions or incidents, such as Hurricane Irene and the recent unexpected snow storm. She said the agency has participated in meetings and forums with a number of agencies involved in this type of work and plans to bolster its own planning process in this regard.

The Executive Director announced that a new visualization tool is in beta testing. The application will provide online access to a wealth of data about the region and will be made available for use by the counties and the public. She also indicated that the agency's new role helping to administer funding for Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) and coordinating their efforts with NJTPA planning is off to a successful start. Also underway in the subregions is work on traffic sign inventory management, and a new round of NJTPA-funded subregional studies has been started, and most studies are underway. Ms. Murphy called the Board's attention to two recent NJTPA publications distributed that day – *InTransition* magazine and a booklet highlighting the Local Safety and High Risk Rural Roads programs.

In response to the Executive Director's report, Vice Chairman Feyl commended the NJTPA for responding so quickly to evaluate the impact of the recent hurricane and snow storm. Freeholder Director Holt commented that the October symposium demonstrates an active interest in anything that can be done to improve the utilization of existing infrastructure as work to improve and augment it continues.

G. Committee Reports/Action Items

Planning and Economic Development – Freeholder Matthew Holt, Chairman

Freeholder Holt reported that, at the October joint meeting, the Committee considered three actions on the day's agenda:

- Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 local Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for Phase One of New Jersey's Clean Construction Program – The Freeholder explained that Governor Christie recently issued Executive Order #60, which established this program to install pollution-control devices on off-road construction equipment used on selected NJDOT projects in urban areas. In these densely populated areas, cumulative exposure to pollution can create a disproportionate impact on residents. He said CMAQ funding will allow the NJTPA to partner with NJDOT and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to fund approximately 175 equipment retrofits at various construction projects in the region. The overall cost of Phase One of the program is estimated at \$2.5 million. The NJTPA will contribute 32 percent (\$800,000) in FY 2012 CMAQ funds.
- Three amendments to the Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program UPWP
 - Addition of the Planning for Emerging Centers effort, funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation, Community and System Preservation program. Freeholder Holt said the NJTPA was awarded approximately \$130,000 under this competitive grant program for transit-oriented development planning in Hackensack and the Union County Sustainability Corridor between Plainfield and Elizabeth.
 - Development of a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Guidance Report, building on the work done to develop the NJTPA Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis Tool (which also was funded through an FHWA grant). He said the report will identify and assess a variety of adaptation strategies to determine which will most effectively protect the transportation system from the impacts of climate change. It will identify ways these strategies can be integrated into the Regional Transportation Plan and our other planning efforts. Freeholder Holt said the amendment will move \$20,000 from the Planning and Needs Assessment Studies consultant budget to the Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis pilot program's consultant budget.
 - A modification to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to add local CMAQ funds to support the RidePro ridesharing program used by the state's Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) to match commuters for ridesharing. He said this action will allocate \$25,000 in the current budget from the Local CMAQ Initiatives program to the Direct Expenses.
- Endorsement of New Freedom program funds to help meet emerging needs for demand-responsive transit services in Warren and Hunterdon counties – Freeholder Holt explained that the New Freedom program funds services that go beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He said these funds originated with the Allentown-Bethlehem urban area, which includes portions of Warren and Hunterdon

counties. Subsequent to the Board's endorsement of New Freedom grants in May, New Jersey Transit informed Central Staff that approximately \$18,000 allocated to the Allentown-Bethlehem area was available to meet these needs.

The Freeholder said, also at the meeting, the Committees were briefed on the status of the pilot Local Planning Assistance Program and the development of the FY 2013 UPWP.

Action Item 1: Approval of FY 2012 local CMAQ initiatives funding for New Jersey's Clean Construction Program Phase 1 (Attachment 2)

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

Action Item 2: Approval of three amendments to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Attachment 3)

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

Action Item 3: Endorsement of the FY 2012 two-year New Freedom Program (FTA Section 5317) funds for the portion of the Allentown-Bethlehem urban area within the NJTPA region (portions of Warren and Hunterdon Counties (Attachment 4)

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

Project Prioritization – County Executive Thomas DeGise, Vice Chairman

County Executive DeGise reported that, at the joint meeting, Central Staff briefed the committees on the status of federal surface transportation authorization, as discussed by Vice Chairman Feyl in his opening remarks. Mr. DeGise noted that, while the Senate Committee's recent passage of bipartisan legislation is encouraging, the level of future funding remains very uncertain and must be kept in mind, as substantial reductions in federal transportation funding in the near future is possible. He said that, based on guidance received from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the NJTPA and the state developed the TIP under the assumption that current funding levels would continue. Mr. DeGise said that, if Congress ultimately funds transportation at a lower level, there's no doubt many changes to the current program will become necessary. He said the Project Prioritization Committee stands ready to take the actions necessary to ensure that the TIP remains fiscally constrained and that those projects that do receive funds can move forward as quickly as possible. He noted that members of the Project Prioritization Committee may be asked to make room in their schedules for special meetings and teleconferences, so that the NJTPA can continue to meet its obligations for overseeing the region's federal transportation funding.

Freight Initiatives – Freeholder Peter Palmer, Chairman

On behalf of Freeholder Palmer, Ted Matthews, NJTPA Freight Division Director, reported that, in spite of the sluggish economy, the movement of goods is one area where growth is evident. He said as this growth is expected to continue, it is more important than ever to pay attention to the region's aging rail, highway and maritime infrastructure. The Freeholder pointed out that the Freight Initiatives Committee invites speakers from various sectors to help keep stakeholders informed about the latest developments in freight related issues in the region and the state.

The Mr. Matthews reported that, at the October meeting, the Committee heard two very interesting presentations:

- Alan Kearns from NJ Transit, reported on the initiation of the New Jersey State Rail Plan. Mr. Kearns explained that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), requires that each state publish a state rail plan to be eligible for FRA grants. While New Jersey has had an annual State Rail Plan in place for many years, new FRA guidelines now require it to cover both freight and passenger rail activities. Mr. Kearns said that over the next six months NJ Transit and NJDOT will reach out to New Jersey's MPOs, counties, cities, and other stakeholders to collaborate on developing a comprehensive New Jersey State Rail Plan.
- Steve Buente, from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, provided an overview of the Exit 14A Improvement Project. He said project goals include: congestion relief at the interchange, mobility improvements, increased safety, and accommodations for future growth in the area. Mr. Buente said the preliminary engineering process was completed, and an initially preferred alternative has been determined. Construction is expected to begin in 2014; completion is expected around 2017. Mr. Matthews said the project is especially important, given the expected growth in international container traffic at the adjacent Port Jersey marine complex and anticipated activity as a result of improvements by the Port Authority to the nearby Greenville Yard facilities.

Mr. Matthews said the NJTPA stands ready to participate in the development of the New Jersey State Rail Plan to assure that established regional goals are well aligned with the state's plan. He also said the NJTPA Freight Division will continue to monitor progress on the Exit 14A project.

H) Selection of Nominating Committee for 2012-2013 NJTPA officers

On behalf of Chairman Dan Sullivan, Ms. Murphy announced that the NJTPA Board will elect new officers for two-year terms at the January meeting. She said the Nominating Committee selected by the Chairman consists of:

- Chairman Dan Sullivan, Freeholder, Union County
- Third Vice Chairman, Freeholder Director Matthew Holt, Hunterdon County
- Freight Initiatives Committee Chairman, Freeholder Peter Palmer, Somerset County

Ms. Murphy said that, over the next few weeks, the Committee will determine a group of candidates for the Executive Committee positions. The nominations will be announced at the

January meeting and followed by a vote. She encouraged anyone who is interested in making a nomination to contact the Committee or her.

I) Public Participation

Stewart Weiss, Inman Railroad Committee made three inquiries. He asked about the status of a study of the potential for a high-speed, dedicated freight rail line for the state. Ms. Murphy said the study has been launched and is ongoing as part of the work program. She said progress of the study will be reported as results emerge.

Mr. Weiss asked if the NJTPA communicates with Pennsylvania concerning freight system issues. Mr. Matthews said there is regular coordination across state lines. He said Freeholder Palmer and NJTPA Freight Division staff attend Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) meetings, and a representative from the Allentown area visited the NJTPA for a discussion of Pennsylvania's freight issues.

Mr. Weiss said he will meet with certain legislators about New Jersey's vulnerability to power outages caused by storms. He said the issue should be addressed by state and federal government. Freeholder Feyl said the NJTPA is willing to participate in an initiative to address the power outage problem, in conjunction with other agencies.

The public portion of the meeting was closed.

J) Time and Place of Next Meeting

Vice Chairman Feyl announced that the next meeting of the NJTPA will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the NJTPA offices at One Newark Center, Newark, NJ.

K) Adjournment

At 11:45 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Middlesex County, seconded by Warren County and carried unanimously.

Attachment 1

NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC.**Attendance Record: November 14, 2011**

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DRAFT RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF FY 2012 LOCAL CMAQ INITIATIVES FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PHASE 1

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 2012 UPWP approved by the NJTPA Board of Trustees on May 9, 2011 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 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, \$3 million in USDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds was programmed in the adopted NJTPA FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the purpose of reducing congestion and/or mobile source emissions; 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, the advancement of construction contract stipulations requiring pollution-control devices for off-road vehicles and equipment was one of the beneficial clean air measures identified in the study; and

WHEREAS, diesel exhaust poses a health risk to the residents of New Jersey, and diesel construction vehicles and equipment represent one of the largest sources of diesel exhaust; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Jersey signed Executive Order #60 on April 20, 2011 establishing a program to install pollution-control devices on off-road construction equipment used on selected New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) projects; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT working with the NJTPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), proposes to implement Phase 1 of New Jersey's Clean Construction Program which will result in quantifiable reductions in diesel emissions; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the program will support 175 retrofits in urban locations in northern and central New Jersey where cumulative exposure to pollution creates a disproportionate impact on people living in densely populated communities. These 175 retrofits will result in significant and quantifiable reductions in NO_x and PM_{2.5}; and

WHEREAS, this proposal for Phase 1 of New Jersey's Clean Construction Program, which has a total cost of \$2.5 million, has committed funding of \$1.7 million from NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has requested that the NJTPA consider allocating \$800,000 of FY 2012 funding from the Local CMAQ Initiatives Program to partially fund Phase 1 of New Jersey's Clean Construction Program to be administered by NJDEP and NJDOT; and

WHEREAS, \$800,000 of available FY 2012 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program funding can be applied to New Jersey's Clean Construction Program, Phase 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NJTPA Board of Trustees hereby approves the allocation of \$800,000 from the FY 2012 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program to New Jersey's Clean Construction Program, Phase 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NJTPA Board of Trustees approves the inclusion of this project to Volume VI of the FY 2012 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, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Federal Highway Administration.

This resolution shall take effect this 14th day of November 2011.

DRAFT RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF A SERIES OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2011–2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK 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, 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 NJTPA Central Staff, the NJTPA Subregions and state and regional transportation agencies; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program is fully consistent with the final USDOT Metropolitan Planning Regulations of February 14, 2007 amending 23 CFR part 450 and 49 CFR 613, as well as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

WHEREAS, Year-Two of the Fiscal Year 2011–2012 Unified Planning Work Program was approved by the NJTPA on May 9, 2011 and amended on September 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, task modifications, project additions and funding adjustments have resulted in the need to further modify Year-Two of the FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, any modifications to the UPWP must be approved by the NJTPA Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NJTPA approves the following modifications to the Year-Two of the FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program:

1. Amend Task 12/309, Livable Communities Planning, to add a new consultant/contractual activity and funding that was provided through a recently awarded FHWA grant. Additional funding, \$130,440 in federal funding, was awarded to NJTPA through a FHWA Transportation, Community and Systems Preservation (TCSP) grant to conduct community-based visions for transit-oriented development (TOD) in two key emerging transit nodes in the City of Hackensack and along the Union County Sustainability Corridor.
2. Transfer \$20,000 in consultant effort funding currently available in Task 12/302's consultant activity *Planning and Needs Assessment Studies* to Task 12/308's consultant activity *Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis Tool Pilot Project*.

3. Amend the FY 2012 UPWP Budget (under Direct Expenses) to add \$25,000 (available from the FY 2012 Local CMAQ Initiatives Program, TIP Project ID No. X065) to fund software upgrades to support Transportation Management Association (TMA) rideshare matching services.

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 for submission to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

This resolution shall take effect this 14th day of November, 2011.

DRAFT RESOLUTION: ENDORSEMENT OF FY 2011 TWO YEAR NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM (FTA SECTION 5317) FUNDS FOR THE PORTION OF THE ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM URBAN AREA WITHIN THE NJTPA REGION (PORTIONS OF WARREN AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES).

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 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 for the FY 2011 two year New Freedom grant program and JARC grant program was conducted in December of 2010, which resulted in NJTPA Board endorsement of proposals in May, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to this action, central staff was informed by New Jersey Transit that unallocated funds from the Allentown-Bethlehem Urban Area were available for mobility initiatives serving clients in specific parts of Warren and Hunterdon Counties only; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with New Jersey Transit and with Warren and Hunterdon County Departments of Human Services (DHS), an application was received by Warren County to expand demand response services for people with disabilities in the Phillipsburg area; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County DHS is requesting \$17,903 for FY 2011 and \$17,996 for FY 2012 for operating expenses and has demonstrated that it can contribute the required local match, \$17,903 for FY 2011 and \$17,996 for FY 2012; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee consisting of staff from the NJTPA, NJ Transit, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union Counties reviewed the application and finds it consistent with the NJTPA's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan and that it meets the FTA's program goals and requirements;

WHEREAS, upon FTA approval, all funding for the New Freedom program 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 Warren County Department of Human Services' application as part of the FY 2011 New Freedom Competitive Grant Program.

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 14th day of November 2011.