

Coordinating Planning in the NJTPA Region

State Planning Commission Meeting

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NJTPA Region

Bergen

Essex

Hudson

Hunterdon

Jersey City

Middlesex

Monmouth

Morris

Newark

Ocean

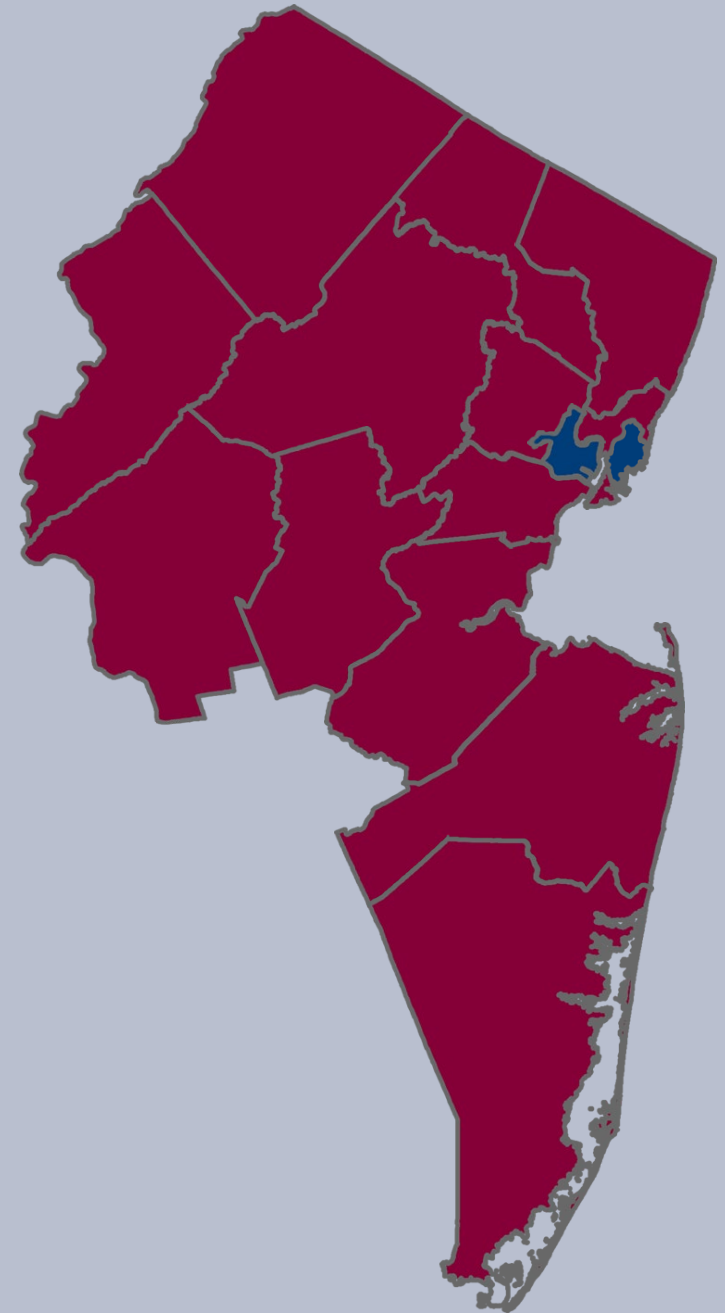
Passaic

Somerset

Sussex

Union

Warren



NJTPA Board and Committees

Bergen Essex Hudson Hunterdon Jersey City Middlesex Monmouth

Morris Newark Ocean Passaic Somerset Sussex Union Warren

NJDOT NJ TRANSIT Port Authority Governor's Rep. Citizens' Rep.

Standing Committees



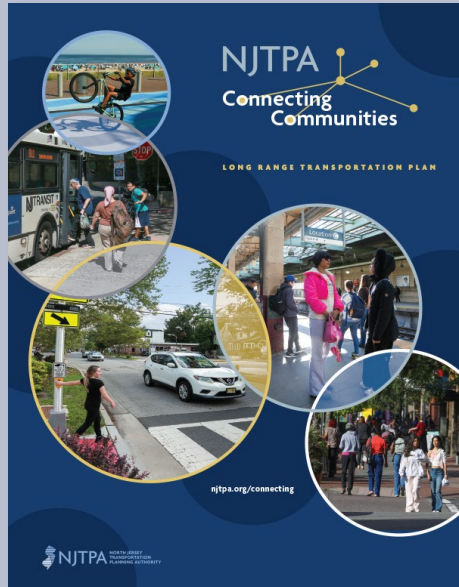
Planning & Economic
Development Committee

Project Prioritization
Committee

Freight Initiatives
Committee

Regional Transportation
Advisory Committee

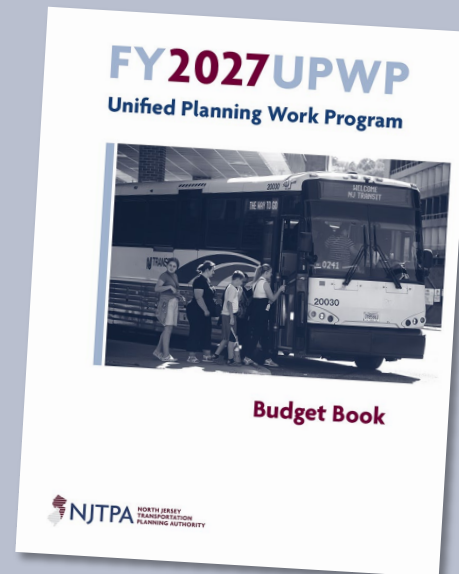
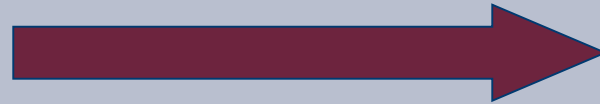
Key Products



Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Updated every four years

Planning



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Updated every other year



Connecting Communities: Vision Statement



- Resilient, modern multi-modal system
- Meets the needs of all users
- Safe, easy to use, reliable
- Supports regional economy
- Improve the environment, health and quality of life

Goals

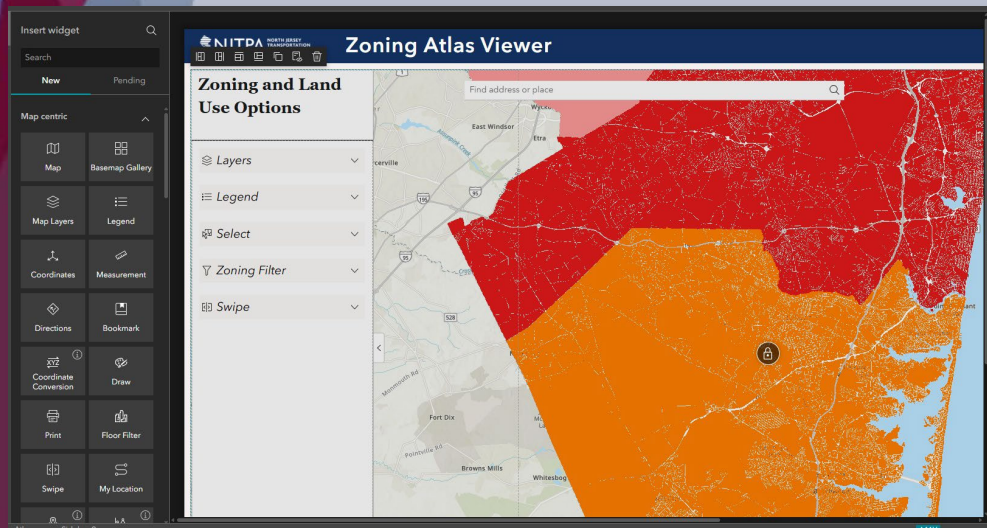
State Plan

- Economic growth that benefits all residents
- Provide housing and access to goods & services
- Economic opportunity
- Revitalize/recenter underutilized developed areas
- Address impacts of climate change
- Protect the environment, natural and water resources
- Protect/improve access to open space, cultural resources
- Promote thriving communities
- Foster sound & integrated planning and implementation at all levels

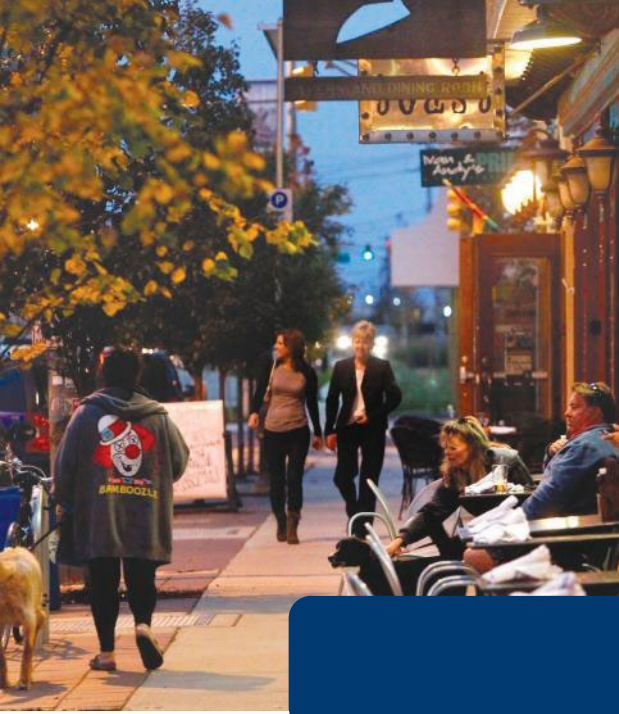
Connecting Communities

- Opportunity & access for all
- Make the transportation system safer; zero fatalities by 2050
- Enhance efficiency, connectivity & reliability
- Make the system resilient to extreme weather and other hazard
- Coordinate land Use & transportation
- Maintain state of good repair
- Improve economy, sustainability, competitiveness

Planning Data and Initiatives



- Zoning Atlas for the NJTPA region
- Population and employment forecasts
- Database of planning recommendations (PRIME)
- Local Safety Plan development and implementation support
- Active transportation planning



Municipal Planning Assistance



Planning for Emerging Centers

Planning for Emerging Centers supports the development of municipal plans and regulatory updates that respond to the demographic, land use, housing, accessibility, environmental, and economic changes taking place within the NJTPA region.

Next Round: Fall 2027

Vibrant Places

The Vibrant Communities Initiatives places targeted support to municipalities, counties, and community organizations in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) region through technical assistance, placemaking projects, information resources and workshops.

Solicitation closed September 30

Transit Hub Planning

The Transit Hub Planning Program enables development of strategic plans to re-use, redevelop, or improve areas surrounding a bus, rail, light rail, or ferry station or stop in selected communities.

Next Round: 2027

Complete Streets Technical Assistance

Complete Streets are designed to ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older adults, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

Next Round: Fall 2027

Complete Streets Demonstration Library

Demonstration projects empower communities to test out road improvements to make their streets safer and more people-focused, utilizing short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to achieve long-term change related to street safety and public space.

Open year-round

Complete Streets Technical Assistance

Technical assistance to municipalities to advance a Complete Streets initiative.

PRODUCTS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

Complete & Green Streets for All Policy

CS Corridor Assessments, Bicycle Corridor, Or Network Plan

Walkable Community Workshops, Demonstration Projects

E-mobility CS study, e-bike/scooter parking

Planning for Emerging Centers

Supports municipalities seeking to coordinate their planning efforts related to transportation and land use.

PRODUCTS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

*Integrated Land Use/
Accessibility Plans*

*Transit Village Initiative
Planning*

*CS Policy or Design &
Implementation Plan*

Vibrant Communities Initiative

Technical assistance to municipalities to advance placemaking projects.

PRODUCTS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

Community engagement strategies addressing walkability, land use, and climate.

Placemaking project to improve walkability and livability.

Economic revitalization strategies

Transit Hub Program

Provides technical assistance to develop high-level strategic plans at transit hubs near existing stations.

PRODUCTS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

Strategies to improve access to transit and public spaces

Analysis of transportation & land use conditions at transit stations & the surrounding project area

Implementable efforts to address the core benefits of transit-friendly planning.

First-last mile

Complete Streets Demonstration Library

Assists communities in testing out a road safety or Complete Streets improvement.

Available to municipalities, and counties

PRODUCTS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

Install bike lanes within your community

Install traffic calming measures to promote walkability and make people feel safer walking & biking

Install temporary e-mobility & bike parking

Thank you!

