**CERTIFICATION**
**OF**
**NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**

I, James D. Carone, hereby certify that I am the Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and as such, certify that the attached copy of PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Meeting of the Authority.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority **this 27th day of March, 2025.**

ATTEST:

Jennifer Kanski
Secretary to the Authority

James D. Carone
Executive Director

Corporate Seal

Date: **March 27, 2025**

**Received in the Governor's Office March 27, 2025**

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**TO:** Jennifer Kanski kanski@njta.com

**FROM:** Kelley Trimble, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor

**DATE:** March 27, 2025

**RE:** **New Jersey Turnpike Authority Minutes**

This email is confirmation that the Authorities Unit received the minutes from the March 25, 2025, board meeting on March 27, 2025. The calculated veto date is April 10, 2025.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Jessica O'Connor

**PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

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Chair O'Connor called the meeting of the Authority's Board of Commissioners (the Board) into session in the Executive Boardroom of the Authority's Headquarters Building at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey, at 9:00 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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**PRESENT**

Present were Chair Francis O'Connor, Vice Chair Ulises Diaz (absent), Treasurer Michael DuPont (by tele-conference), Commissioner Ronald Gravino, Commissioner Raphael Salermo, Commissioner Francisco Maldonado and Commissioner John Wisniewski. The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

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**ALSO PRESENT**

Executive Director James Carone, Deputy Executive Director Donna Wilser, Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein, Chief Information Officer Jose Dios, Director of Law Thomas Holl, Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity, Director of Operations Kevin Dunn, Purchasing Manager of Procurement and Materials Management Christine Noble, Director of Tolls John La Bella, Director of Community and Government Relations Shawn Taylor, Deputy Director of Internal Audit David Forktus, New Jersey State Police Captain Michael Lavin, Troop D and Secretary to the Authority Jennifer Kanski.

Also present were: Outside Counsel, Judy Verrone, Esq. of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Governors' Authorities Unit Representative Jessica O'Connor.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

This is a regular meeting of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 in that notice has been given to The Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press, as well as numerous other newspapers, posted in the main lobby of the Authority's Administration Offices at 1 Turnpike Plaza, Woodbridge, prominently posted on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's website at www.njta.com and on various social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, and notice has been forwarded to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey. Additionally, Authority public meetings will be held in-person and telephonically. Information and instructions regarding telephonic access to the meetings by the public has been posted on the Authority's website.

**Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:**

1. Vice Chair Diaz (absent)
2. Treasurer DuPont (absent)
3. Commissioner Gravino
4. Commissioner Salermo
5. Commissioner Maldonado
6. Commissioner Wisniewski
7. Chair O'Connor

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into Executive Session, not open to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Litigation

The motion was made by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

**Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:**

1. Vice Chair Diaz (absent)
2. Treasurer DuPont (by tele-conference)
3. Commissioner Gravino
4. Commissioner Salermo
5. Commissioner Maldonado
6. Commissioner Wisniewski
7. Chair O'Connor

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**ACTION ON MINUTES**

The Secretary to the Authority reported that ten days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, have elapsed since Governor Philip D. Murphy received the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2025; he did not exercise his power to veto any items in those minutes.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Salermo seconded by Commissioner Gravino the minutes of the meeting was approved.

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**RECUSALS**

The Secretary to the Authority reported recusals or abstentions submitted for the record:

- Commissioner Maldonado is recused on Agenda Item Nos. 054, 055 and 061.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (in Person)**

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**James Davis, Mayor of Bayonne**

Mayor James Davis of Bayonne spoke about the extension bridge and why it is paramount for the city of Bayonne that this bridge gets built for Bayonne's economic future and quality of life future. Mayor Davis spoke about a few items that are coming down the road over the next couple years, CGM, which is the third largest shipping company in the world, just purchased Global Container Terminals. Global Container Terminals over the next 10 to 15 years are going to triple in capacity as things can't all be put on trains. Mayor Davis advised that UPS just moved into Bayonne on the old military ocean terminal and turned that 1.2 million square feet facility into their East Coast hub and when it is fully operational, they will be handling 118,000 packages in an hour. Mayor Davis explained the bridge that is there now has to be replaced and that we need to build a bridge that in 25 years will be viable for our children. Mayor Davis explained that Royal Caribbean is on the military ocean terminal in Bayonne and they are looking for a second cruise line and iMTT is repurposing ¾ of their property. Mayor Davis shared all of this is the future and there is a reason people are driving in that direction because that is where the jobs are and Bayonne and Jersey City are port cities. Mayor Davis expressed his support for the project of behalf of the city of Bayonne.

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**Ras Baraka, Mayor of Newark**

Mayor Ras Baraka of Newark agreed with the Mayor of Bayonne in that people will be going where jobs are, commerce is and opportunities are and Jersey City and Newark are developing downtown and he also agreed that the Bay Bridge needs to be fixed but doesn't know if that should include the additional lanes and doesn't know if expanding the highway is the answer to this problem. Mayor Baraka shared that he has asked for two bits of information that he never received which were if the Authority accounted for the expansion of transit or rail, would that affect the number of cars on the road or the necessity to build more lanes and the Authority responded it wouldn't and they had evidence of that but did not provide to him. Mayor Baraka voiced his concerns over the particulate matter in the air since one out of four children in Newark have asthma and people are dying from asthma. Mayor Baraka wants to know if doing this expansion will make more trucks come through the city of Newark and he inquired about the particulate matter in the air and never received any information regarding that topic either. Mayor Baraka explained when New York was dealing with congestion pricing, the MTA contacted the city of Newark because of the mitigation they thought would have to take place because of the cars that would be backing up in the city of Newark and they wanted to give the city of Newark some money to mitigate some of the issues that the city of Newark had with the particulate matter in the air and he feels the expansion of the roadways would be a worse problem. Mayor Baraka expressed he would love to get the data that he asked for months ago because he feels these are valid concerns. Mayor Baraka expressed this project needs to be rethought and would love to see more investment in NJ Transit. Mayor Baraka said he wanted to put on record no one is opposed to fixing infrastructure and no one is opposed to remodeling the Bay Bridge and he thinks it is necessary but what he is having an

issue with is creating more lanes and creating more opportunity for traffic in and out of his community when the future should be rail, train and public transportation.

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**Robert Briant**

Mr. Briant, CEO of UTCA, expressed they fully support the project and explained the bridge was originally built 70 years ago and we are now past the 50 year design life of this structure and in order to make sure these are safe structures for the public, the Authority spends a tremendous amount of money on triage with constant maintenance of these facilities and this bridge needs to be upgraded and explained this investment in this project will create 25,000 jobs just out of the first phase of this project and 2.5 Billion of economic systemic in the area. Mr. Briant applauded the fact that the Authority is going to work with the communities in trying to get local residents to work and participant on this project. Mr. Briant spoke about how this project is not going to limit the investment in transit as they will still receive their $500 million investment annually. Mr. Briant ended by saying they strongly support the project.

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**John Reichman**

Mr. Reichman, Empower of NJ, spoke on how congestion pricing has been a success for New Jersey and that commutes times are substantially lower for drivers and bus riders and the air is cleaner especially in Hudson County and the best benefit of congestion pricing is it has shown that we don't need to spend $11 Billion on a Turnpike expansion in order to reduce congestion on the Turnpike because congestion pricing is accomplishing this for us. Mr. Reichman explained everyone is demanding the same three things to halt work on the Turnpike expansion until the impact of congestion pricing is considered, disclose the data showing how congestion pricing has impacted the traffic on the Turnpike extension and the need for the expansion and disclose what the current projected cost of the project will be. Mr. Reichman does not agree that the bridge needs to be replaced because the Authority's own studies show that for $260 million that bridge can safely be repaired for another 40 years.

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**Joe Fiordaliso**

Mr. Fiordaliso, President of ACEC, shared he wanted to come here to share the importance of the Authority's investments across the region and explained the region's infrastructure is interconnected and the relationship between those various assets is symbiotic and that interconnected nature is an irreplaceable driver of the New Jersey's economy as well as the nation's economy. Mr. Fiordaliso expressed the best and brightest of his industry are supporting the top talent of the Turnpike Authority led by Executive Director Carone and Chief Engineer Hesslein to replace a structure well beyond its useful life. Mr. Fiordaliso stated his industry will continue to support the Authority to advance this program and he thanked the Chair for his leadership as well as the entire Board and the entire professional staff at the Authority for supporting this effort and rebuilding this infrastructure used to fuel our economy.

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**Daryn Martin**

Mr. Martin, District 1199J - Secretary Treasurer, spoke about the Hudson Bay Extension Bridge project and shared that we need safer bridges in New Jersey and he is all for transparency and all for receiving data and would like to get this done for the better of the community.

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**Derek Brooks**

Mr. Brooks, Laborers of Local 472 – Heavy Highway Construction, shared his support for this project and feels this project should continue and shared that this project will give lots of opportunities to the 7,500 laborers of the state of New Jersey.

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**Tom Hurley**

Mr. Hurley echoed his fellow tradesmen's remarks in support of this project and shared that this project isn't going to bring more cars but it is going to avoid the bottleneck and the traffic that exists now and explained the way to alleviate the traffic is widening the bridge and to build it right once. Mr. Hurley asked the Board to please approve this project.

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**Lindsay Davey**

Ms. Davey, an employee of the Authority and Vice President of Local 194, spoke about her strong support for the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension project and the critical investment in the safety and efficiency with economic growth. Ms. Davey shared that the current infrastructure cannot meet the modern traffic demands and it is imperative that we fixed these problems and expand capacity where it is needed most. Ms. Davey explained the current bridge lacks adequate shoulders for accidents, breakdowns and emergency vehicles and the lack of shoulders is a danger for everyone and with the lane expansion adds extra lanes for the safety of our motorists and our roadway crews. Ms. Davey acknowledges everyone's concern about pollution and climate change and she agrees in investing in mass transit but stated that doesn't mean we should ignore our highways.

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**Paula Rios**

Ms. Rios expressed her support of the replacement of the widening of the bridge and feels a new bridge will not only keep the traffic flowing but will create jobs and a safer environment.

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**David Pringle**

Mr. Pringle stated he is here to represent Empower of NJ, the state's largest coalition addressing climate crisis and shared they disagree with the Authority's continued insistence in misspending $11 Billion for eight miles of road and feels there are better alternatives. Mr. Pringle asked that we consider congesting pricing because travel times have decreased 48% on the Holland Tunnel in two months. Mr.

Pringle advised that we can invest in rail freight and mass transit and urged the Authority to pause this project and look at congestion pricing and time of day tolling. Mr. Pringle shared that we are going to have a new Governor in ten months and several of the candidates are opposed to this project and the Authority should be reconsidering this.

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**Barry Kushnir, Local 194**

Mr. Kushnir shared that he spent 51 years living in Bayonne and that he is in support of the expansion project and the number one priority is safety and this project is critical and he is concerned with those that that are speaking about just rehabilitating the bridge because that bridge has been constantly repaired over the years. Mr. Kushnir explained this bridge was built 70 years ago for 20th century traffic and it is at a fail point and it is critical to alleviate the congestion that is there right now. Mr. Kushnir shared this project is going to bring a lot of great jobs, a better quality of life and economic growth. Mr. Kushnir explained the money being used for this project is dedicated from the Capital Improvement Projects budget and that money is dedicated to repairing the roadway but shared that the Authority gives over a half of billion to NJ Transit so the Authority does support public transportation but we need to rebuild this bridge and accommodate for 21st century traffic and to make sure everyone in these communities have good jobs and a better quality of life.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (remote by tele-conference)**

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**Holly Cox**

Ms. Cox expressed that the expansion project is bad for Jersey City residents and bad for the environment and to spend $11 Billion on eight miles of roadway is based on the false information that it will alleviate traffic and she shared that congestion pricing in New York has been a great success and the Authority should acknowledge that data. Ms. Cox advised that the Authority has not released any evidence that shows this project will help alleviate traffic and not hurt the environment. Ms. Cox expressed her concern with the damage this project will do to the environment, the climate crisis and the communities and is asking that a climate test be performed because she is concerned with increase emissions. Ms. Cox shared that mass transit is our future and the state should be investing in that and asked the Board to please vote against this project.

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**Sam Difalco**

Ms. Difalco, speaking on behalf of Food and Water Watch asked the Authority to halt any work on the proposed Turnpike expansion until the impact of congestion pricing is fully considered and is asking for the disclosure of data and how this has impacted traffic on the Newark Bay Bridge. Ms. Difalco is in support of replacing the bridge but to replace the bridge with two bridges in double the size is

unacceptable. Ms. Difalco is concerned with the extraordinary cost, the increased pollution and the environmental impact and feels this money should be invested in public transportation.

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**Doug O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley, Environment New Jersey, shared a three-part request. The first part is to halt the expansion until the impact of congestion pricing is fully considered. Two, disclosure of data showing how congestion pricing has impacted the traffic on the Newark Bay Bridge and the need for the expansion and lastly the current projected cost of this project. Mr. O'Malley shared that he doesn't feel the need for this project because of the 48% reduction in traffic due to congestion pricing and feels this project should not continue until the Authority acknowledges that data. Mr. O'Malley voiced his concerns that expanding always leads to more traffic and congestion pricing is successful and the Capital Plan was based on pre-pandemic traffic patterns and the Authority is using that old data and not looking at the current data and traffic patterns. Mr. O'Malley further voiced his concerns over the $11 Billion being spent on this project when alternatives are not being looked at.

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**Richard Grant**

Mr. Grant spoke regarding the Turnpike Expansion project and questioned if adding lanes reduces congestion because he feels it may initially reduce congestion but overtime people will make more trips and longer trips and even switch from using public transportation. Mr. Grant shared that congestion pricing is reducing traffic and feels that and expanding the public transit system would be beneficial and wants to know why the Authority is so set on this expansion. Mr. Grant asked the Authority to put this project on hold and perform a reevaluation.

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**Maya Ponton Aronoff**

Ms. Aronoff, a resident of Weehawken, stated she is in support of repairing or the reconstruction of the bridge but is opposed to any kind of expansion. Ms. Aronoff is also in full support of union jobs and pursuing safety but feels this should be done simultaneously with other policies that reduce the need for car and truck traffic. Ms. Aronoff suggested rebuilding the same size bridge while also expanding public transit, rail and bicycle lanes and stressed this is not about now but for the next 25 years and we need to be looking at things differently than what got us in this situation. Ms. Aronoff voiced her concerns over air and traffic pollution and the effects on people's health.

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**Lina Drillman**

Ms. Drillman, a resident of Bayonne, spoke on how Mayor Davis does not speak for all the residents of Bayonne and shared when walking in her town, the air quality has diminished in Bayonne and she is starting to have respiratory problems that she has never had before due to the pollution and the Authority needs to take this into consideration regarding this project.

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**Councilman James Sullivan**

Councilman Sullivan stated his appreciation in speaking and shared how he is asking the Authority to rethink its current plan and to pause for a better solution because no one would want their local streets turned into a highway and for thousands of residents of Jersey City that is what is happening as cars are rerouted onto their local streets by google maps and other. Councilman Sullivan explained the proposed added lanes threatens to add thousands of more cars onto local streets, increasing air pollution and increasing asthma for a community that has one of the highest rates of asthma. Councilman Sullivan shared that congesting pricing has significantly reduced cut through traffic on the streets of Jersey City and his fear is if congestion pricing remains and the Authority continues with the highway expansion, that the Authority will be responsible for flooding their local roadways again. Councilman Sullivan advised that we have alternatives that involve reconstructing the bridge, investing in union jobs and mass transit, which can accomplish the core things that everyone needs which are safety, good union jobs without an expansion of the highway and Councilman Sullivan is asking the Authority to reconsider this project in light of new information such as congestion pricing.

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**Talia Schwartz**

Ms. Schwartz, a resident of Jersey City, asked the Authority to halt all work on the Turnpike expansion and stated the residents are the people that are most affected by this expansion and every single person that spoke in support of this project are not the ones that will be affected by any of the harm of the project and feels they either have some kind of personal or financial interest in this project. Ms. Schwartz stated the people that live in Jersey City in District 31 are going to be breathing worse air and experience more car traffic without being given any opportunities to support alternatives and further expressed her concerns with the bad air quality for those with health issues and asthma. Ms. Schwartz explained the people of Jersey City have used all the available resources to them to oppose this project and every single one of their elected officials opposed this project. Ms. Schwartz explained she submitted over 1000 comments to the Coast Guard, which was the only official way to get input for this project because despite the Authority's claim to public input, the Authority would hold public sessions after all the decisions were already made. Ms. Schwartz explained that people in Bayonne do not know about this project and shame on the elected officials of Bayonne. Ms. Schwartz shared in the Authority's own documents that Authority has failed to prove the port of Bayonne needs more lanes and if the data is there and the reasons are so clear, then why is the Authority not disclosing it. Ms. Schwartz shared the ports have not seen an uptick in recent years and now especially with the new tariffs, it could be possible that port travel will be reduced in the coming years. Ms. Schwartz asked that the Governor and the DOT Commissioner demand a better alternative to this highway extension that doesn't involve increasing asthma rates in her city and environmental damage.

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**Robert Laumbach**

Mr. Laumbach stated he is a scientist and a medical doctor and conducts studies that help with air pollution, particularly traffic air pollution and is currently doing a project with Jersey City and looking at the impacts of air pollution. Mr. Laumbach stated he has performed other studies around the state regarding exposure to air pollution of commuters and drivers of the Turnpike and air pollution from traffic could worsen asthma, cause heart disease, cause adverse pregnancy outcomes among other issues. Mr. Laumbach stated his concern is health and well-being of the residents of the state and explained there is harm reduction by reducing air pollution and stated there are benefits to mass transit commuting on reducing air pollution and improving quality of life and feels that mass transit is where we should be going for our future.

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**Katie Brennan**

Ms. Brennan, a resident of Jersey City and Urban Planning and a candidate of New Jersey State Assembly for the 32 District, shared her opposition for the Turnpike Expansion project and said we have heard repeatedly today about the success of congestion pricing with the improvement of commute times and environmental impact and health and she understands the need for jobs, safety and a good economy but is asking for transparency in congestion pricing data in order to make an informed decision. Ms. Brennan shared that her neighbors are thrilled with congestion pricing because they feel safer walking their kids to school, their bus times are cut in half and expressed the expansion project is not for the people that work or live around the Holland Tunnel. Ms. Brennan is asking for a full environmental study and the updated cost estimate of this project to also help make an informed decision and feels we will need every single dollar to help all infrastructures across New Jersey.

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**Ravi Bhalla, Mayor of Hoboken**

Mayor Bhalla explained that no one is opposing the rehabilitation of the bridge and need for an upgrade to the infrastructure but what is objectionable is and the reason why we should pause the project is that data has proven that expanding lanes does not reduce congestion. Mayor Bhalla said put aside the environmental impact, the cost of the project and putting money towards mass transit projects, the Authority should pause and look at the data and see if the expansion is even necessary. Mayor Bhalla inquired about the congestion pricing data and the updated cost of this project and feels the public deserves to know this.

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**Robert Stein**

Mr. Stein, a resident of Jersey City, shared that traffic has gone much more smoothly since congestion pricing and he would like the Authority to halt the expansion project because it is known that expansion will fill the roads and feels this will be a very wasteful project. Mr. Stein inquired why the public

has not heard any mention from the Authority about possibly coordinating with the new Gateway Project, which will eventually build connections into New York through the Hudson River and we can extend our mass transit and our park and ride to coordinate with that. Mr. Stein feels this expansion will not be good for anybody, it will cause air pollution, it will waste money and asked that we please stop the project until there are better alternatives.

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**Eleanor Gruber**

Ms. Gruber, League of Women Voters of New Jersey, expressed her opposition of the expansion and knows from past experience that expanding roads does not lead to less congestion and a more sustainable option is to increase public transportation and alternatives and explained that congestion pricing has already produced less traffic at the Holland Tunnel. Ms. Gruber urges the Authority to look into other options rather than spend $11 Billion on this project.

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**Sam Pisen**

Mr. Pisen stated he is opposing the expansion and said jobs are important but not for the wrong projects and he supports repairing the bridge but not expanding with extra lanes. Mr. Pisen shared his concern with the negative health impact due to more air pollution and feels this is taking billions dollars away from public transportation options and is asking to halt and reconsider this project and consider congestion pricing and more practical solutions.

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**Matthew Walsh**

Mr. Walsh stated he is speaking on behalf of New Jersey Association of Railroad Passengers and the Sierra Club New Jersey Transportation Committee and expressed their opposition to the Turnpike lane expansion and explained that congestion pricing is working remarkable towards the intended goals. Mr. Walsh understands the bridge has come to the term of life and needs to be replaced but does not support the need of unnecessary lanes.

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**Clare Whitcomb**

Ms. Whitcomb called as a taxpayer and shared that she believes congestion pricing will take care of a lot of the backup they are experiencing in commuting to New York and shared her concern that the estimate for the project is out of date and with the new administration coming in, the Authority should not be spending this extravagant amount on this project without knowing the costs and until all the studies are in and shared that she does not want to pay for this project as a taxpayer until she knows more.

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**Julia Flack**

Ms. Flack, a resident of South Orange, expressed her opposition to the Turnpike expansion and asked that the project be halted until the true projected costs are revealed and the congestion pricing

data has been disclosed and can be considered in the plan. Ms. Flack shared her concern that this project will increase traffic, increase pollution and carbon emission and said we need a future for our children that includes traveling around without cars and to focus on traveling by train, bicycles and buses. Ms. Flack feels now is the time to step up and figure out how to manage funding and prioritize people over private vehicles.

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**Brian Scanlon**

Mr. Scanlon explained where he lives looks out to the entrance of the Holland Tunnel and this project will create more air pollution and all he wants is cleaner air and less particulate matter and he asking for this project to be put on hold until the impact of congestion pricing is considered and a new estimate is created on the cost of this project and expressed his concerns with the cost of this project rising over the past few years and is concern the price will grow even larger. Mr. Scanlon shared that many Mayors shared their opposition to this project as well and believes with the new tariffs, they will very likely reduce port traffic and is stating that the public needs to know what the projected cost of this project will actually be in its entirety. Mr. Scanlon expressed his support to rehabilitating the bridge but does not support the expansion and would like to see investment in mass transit.

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**Michael Andresakes**

Mr. Andresakes, a Jersey City resident, understands the bridge needs to be fixed for safety reasons but is asking everyone to pause the project and reconsider the price of the project because $11 Billion is an incomprehensible number and he is urging the Authority to explore alternate options. Mr. Andresakes would also like to know if the new companies moving into that area like UPS will be contributing to the cost of the bridge.

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**Dana Patten**

Ms. Patten, a resident of Jersey City for more than 20 years, is asking the Authority to halt any plans for the expansion as she feels it won't reduce traffic long term and what is proven to reduce congestion is congestion pricing and mass transit. Ms. Patten expressed that there are other projects that will produce jobs that won't destroy the environment or harm residents and she expressed her strong opposition to this project.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (in Person)**

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**Chris Lalavei**

Mr. Lalavei, Operating Engineer, spoke about this project being orderly traffic and that is something that has to be taken into account and doesn't see how congestion pricing is bringing down the traffic all that much. Mr. Lalavei stated rail is a great idea but it is not the answer because you can't

put all goods and services on rail. Mr. Lalavei explained it is not the taxpayers money that is being affected by this project and stated the bridge needs to be repaired because safety is key.

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**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair O'Connor advised he understands the Mayor of Newark has stated he has asked for some information and the Authority will check into that but as far as congestion pricing Chair O'Connor commented that the only official inquiry that has been received came in on March 14 from RPA and the Authority is in the process of giving that information to them to meet the deadline that we are required to.

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**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gravino congratulated Captain Michael Lavin who is our new Deputy Troop Commander and wished him the very best.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity requested approval of Agenda Item No. 2025-03-049. Moved is the item as follows:

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**2025-03-049**

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity submitted the **Personnel Agenda**, dated March 25, 2025, and requested confirmation of the personnel matters contained therein. The Executive Director certified the recommendations for consideration.

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**2025-03-049**

On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski employment of those named to serve at the pleasure of the Authority and other recommended personnel actions, were approved, ratified and confirmed, to become effective as of the dates specified and at the salaries listed.

**ROLL CALL**

| DIAZ | DuPONT | GRAVINO | SALERMO | MALDONADO | WISNIEWSKI | O'CONNOR |
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| ABSENT | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |

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**LAW**

Director of Law Thomas Holl requested approval of Agenda Item Nos. 2025-03-050 through 2025-03-053. Moved are the items as follows:

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**2025-03-050**

In a memorandum dated March 12, 2025, **Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Hudson in connection with the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program, RM-191612, Budget Code: 00-500-850-156555-5000056001, Amount: not to exceed $150,000.00,** was approved.

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") is proceeding with its plans for the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program ("Program") in ways that will benefit residents of the County of Hudson ("County"). The Program extends from New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 14 in Newark to Jersey Avenue in Jersey City. The Authority has jurisdiction over the New Jersey Turnpike and the County has jurisdiction over multiple roads, other real property, and outreach programs throughout the County.

The Authority is committed to working in cooperation with the County to further benefit residents of the County. Specifically, the Authority will agree to support ongoing vocational and technical training programs by providing up to $50,000.00 to support a summer camp program and $100,000.00 to support ongoing maintenance and community access for Mercer Park, among other cooperative efforts. Approval of this item will allow the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement incorporating these terms.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners delegate to the Executive Director the authority to execute the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the County pursuant to the terms outlined above, should he deem it in the best interest of the Authority, upon the recommendation of the Engineering Department. It is further recommended that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any such documents and take any other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

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**2025-03-051**

In a memorandum dated March 12, 2025, **Authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the Newark Bay- Hudson County Extension Improvements Program**, was approved.

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") is proceeding with its plans for the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program ("Program"). The Authority and the New Jersey Transportation Department ("NJDOT") desire to memorialize their intentions to cooperate with respect to preliminary engineering, final design, and construction coordination from New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 14 in Newark to Jersey Avenue in Jersey City via a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"). This MOA will provide for cooperation between the Authority and its jurisdiction over the New Jersey Turnpike, including its various roadway extensions, service roads, and ramp networks in the area, and NJDOT and its authority and jurisdiction over multiple State highways in the vicinity of the New Jersey Turnpike between Interchange 14 in Newark and Jersey Avenue in Jersey City. The Authority and

NJDOT believe that such cooperation will enhance their stated responsibilities to create, operate, and maintain transportation systems to serve and benefit the citizens of New Jersey.

Specifically, the MOA will necessitate NJDOT's review and approval of the Authority's design plans when impacting NJDOT jurisdiction, provide access to NJDOT rights-of-way, coordinate traffic operations on State highways, and generally enhance cooperation between the two state entities as they endeavor to promote safety and minimize disruption to public convenience during preliminary engineering, final design, and construction phases of the Program. Approval of this item will allow the Executive Director to execute a MOA incorporating said terms.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners delegate to the Executive Director the authority to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with NJDOT pursuant to the terms outlined above, should he deem it in the best interest of the Authority, upon the recommendation of the Engineering and Law Departments. It is further recommended that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any additional documents and take any other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

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**2025-03-052**

In a memorandum dated March 12, 2025, **Authorization for the Executive Director to Renew the Authority's Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Program for one (1) Additional Year, (April 15, 2025 to April 15, 2026), RM-192946, Budget Code: 10-822-441010, Amount: not to exceed: $550,000.00,** was approved.

The Authority maintains Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability insurance with total limits of $30 million, the policies for which will expire on April 15, 2025. Willis Towers Watson, the broker of record for this coverage, was tasked with providing three (3) competitive quotations for coverage as expiring. After review by the Authority and Turner Surety and Insurance Brokerage, the Authority's insurance and risk management consultant, it is recommended that the policies be renewed using the most favorable combination of quotations, considering price and quality of coverage, as follows: the primary $10 million limit with Chubb; the second $10 million limit excess of the initial $10 million with Fair American; and the final $10 million excess of $20 million with Ironshore, the combination of which will provide a total of $30 million in limits. As the premiums for each layer are still being negotiated, final premium amounts and mandatory surcharges are not yet finalized but will not exceed $550,000. All renewal layers will include Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) coverage.

It is therefore requested that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to renew the insurance policies and coverage as outlined above. It is further requested that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to take all such actions and to execute all such documents after review and with the recommendation of the Law Department to effectuate the authority set forth above.

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**2025-03-053**

In a memorandum dated February 21, 2025, **Authorization to Settle Formal Workers' Compensation Matter – Victoria Bright v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Budget Code: 10-870-405070, Amount: $125,000.00,** was approved.

Petitioner Victoria Bright is a Parkway Division Toll Plaza Supervisor, hired in September 2011. This settlement request will resolve a formal Occupational Claim Petition filed in 2022.

The petitioner is represented by Salzer & Salzer, LLC located in Toms River NJ. The Authority is defended by Special Counsel Neil Gallagher, Esq. of Dilworth Paxson LLP located in Freehold NJ. The matter is venued in the district office of Freehold Workers' Compensation Court before The Honorable Joann Downey.

The total settlement award is $125,000.00.

The Law Department has reviewed this matter and agrees with the recommendation of the Special Counsel, the Authority's third-party workers' compensation administrator and the Authority's Benefits Manager. Authorization is, therefore, requested to allow Special Counsel to settle this matter for the sum of **$125,000.00.**

This settlement will be payable under Account No. 10-870-405070.

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On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board unanimously approved Agenda Item Nos. 2025-03-050 through and 2025-03-053; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL**

| DIAZ | DuPONT | GRAVINO | SALERMO | MALDONADO | WISNIEWSKI | O'CONNOR |
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| ABSENT | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |

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**ENGINEERING**

Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein requested approval of item numbers 2025-03-054 and 2025-03-055. Moved are the items as follows:

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**PUBLIC BID SOLICITATIONS – AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

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**2025-03-054**

In a document dated March 7, 2025, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. A900.861, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., Immediate and Scheduled Repairs (2025), Milepost 0 to 122 New Jersey Turnpike and Milepost 0 to 172 Garden State Parkway, RM-192589, Budget Code: Various Funding Sources, Amount: $6,000,000.00,** was approved.

The work performed under this contract consists of immediate and scheduled repairs from Milepost 0 to 122 of the New Jersey Turnpike and Milepost 0 to 172 of the Garden State Parkway. The immediate and scheduled repairs will be as directed by the Engineer, by work orders, for a period of two years with an option for two one-year extensions at the sole discretion of the Authority.

Ten bid proposals were received on February 26, 2025, for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal of 3.40%, may be compared to the second low bid of 8.92%. The bids were significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate of 10%, which is likely due to a competitive bidding environment. These percentages represent a weighted average mark-up on the Contractor's time and materials cost of performing the work. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform the work at the bid price. Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. has previously performed work for the Authority on similar on-call contracts and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. A900.861 be awarded to the low bidder, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey in the amount of $6,000,000.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

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**2025-03-055**

In a document dated March 4, 2025, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T900.864, New Jersey Turnpike, Green Construction, Inc., Construction of On-Call Tasks for the Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program, RM-192590, Budget Code: Various Funding Sources, Amount: $10,000,000.00,** was approved.

The work performed under this contract consists of immediate and scheduled repairs from Milepost 0 to 36.5 of the New Jersey Turnpike, or as needed, to support the Interchanges 1 to 4 Capacity Enhancements Program. The immediate and scheduled repairs will be as directed by the Engineer, by work orders, for a period of two years with an option for two one-year extensions at the sole discretion of the Authority.

Thirteen bid proposals were received on February 26, 2025 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal of 3.13%, may be compared to the second low bid of 4.50%. The bids were significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate of 10%, which is likely due to a competitive bidding environment. These percentages represent a weighted average mark-up on the Contractor's time and materials cost of performing the work. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform the work at the bid price. Green Construction, Inc. has previously performed work for the Authority and has performed similar on-call contracts for other agencies and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T900.864 be awarded to the lowest bidder, Green Construction, Inc. of South River, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed $10,000,000.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

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**2025-03-054**
**2025-03-055**

On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board unanimously approved Agenda Item Nos. 2025-03-054 and 2025-03-055; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL**

| DIAZ | DuPONT | GRAVINO | SALERMO | MALDONADO | WISNIEWSKI | O'CONNOR |
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| ABSENT | YES | YES | YES | RECUSED | YES | YES |

Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein requested approval of item numbers 2025-03-056 through 2025-03-060. Moved are the items as follows:

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**ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (OPS)**

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**2025-03-056**

In a document dated February 18, 2025, **Recommendation to Issue Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3820, New Jersey Turnpike, Gannett Fleming, Inc., Preliminary Design and Environmental Services for Newark Bay–Hudson County Extension, R-191337, Budget Code: 5000056001, Original OPS Amount: $30,250,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: $5,200,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: $35,450,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the January 26, 2021 Commission Meeting in the amount of $30,250,000.00. It provided for preliminary design and environmental services for the replacement of the entire 8.1-mile Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension ("Extension") from Interchange 14 in Newark, exclusive of the interchange itself, to the eastern terminus of the Authority's jurisdiction at Jersey Avenue in Jersey City. Capacity enhancements are proposed for 5.4 miles of the Extension from Interchange 14 in Newark to Interchange 14C in Jersey City.

Supplement A will provide for unanticipated engineering services to continue preliminary engineering and environmental studies required for the proposed bridge replacements and associated improvements on the Extension east of Interchange 14C between Columbus Drive and Jersey Avenue including extensive stakeholder engagement, additional traffic and alternative analysis, and noise and air quality model updates. Operational measures will be evaluated in consideration of stakeholder

concerns and the Authority's desire to minimize local impacts. The recommendations will be used to finalize the environmental impacts for the project within these limits.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3820 be issued to Gannett Fleming, Inc. not to exceed the amount of $5,200,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from $30,250,000.00 to $35,450,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

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**2025-03-057**

In a document dated March 6, 2025, **Recommendation to Issue Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. P4208, Garden State Parkway, Michael Baker International, Inc., Design Services for Contract No. P200.828, Drainage Repairs, Milepost 120.6 to 123.6, R-192593, Budget Code: 5000010013, Original OPS Amount: $1,990,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: $490,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: $2,480,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the November 19, 2024 Commission Meeting in the amount of $1,990,000.00. It provided for final design services for the final design engineering and environmental permitting services, as necessary, to repair stormwater collection infrastructure less than 60" diameter and other drainage appurtenances on the Garden State Parkway (Parkway) from Milepost 120.6 to 123.6. The work includes needed drainage repairs developed using the findings from Contract No. P200.626, the associated priority ranking and engineering judgement to recommend and prioritize these repairs, and other related work.

Supplement A will provide for unanticipated design services which are beyond the current authorized scope of work. The additional design services added relate to additional drainage cleaning and inspections on the Garden State Parkway. Additional improvements will include inspection and cleaning of the drainage piping between Milepost 123.6 to 127.0 which will ensure that unobstructed flow is achieved along the entire system.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. P4208 be issued to Michael Baker International, Inc. not to exceed the amount of $490,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from $1,990,000.00 to $2,480,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

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**2025-03-058**

In a document dated March 6, 2025, **Authorization to Pay the NJDEP under the "No Net Loss Reforestation Act", New Jersey Turnpike, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), Reforestation Plans for Forest Impacts associated with Grade Separated U-Turn Structures located in: Oldmans Township, Salem County; West Deptford Township, Gloucester County; Borough of Lawnside, Camden County; Township of Westampton, Burlington County, R-192596, Budget Code: 5000028003, Amount: $875,820.00,** was approved.

The construction of Grade Separated U-Turn Structures at Mileposts 6.4, 19.0, 29.1 and 43.0 (Contract Nos. T100.723 and T100.724) requires unavoidable impacts to forested areas. In accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1L-14.2 et seq.), the Authority is required to provide mitigation for the deforestation at each location. After substantial review and analysis, the Authority and the NJDEP have determined that mitigation in the form of monetary compensation is acceptable.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the payment to NJDEP not to exceed the amount of $875,820.00 for the purposes set forth above. It is further recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute any such other documents and take any such other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

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**2025-03-059**

In a document dated March 6, 2025, **Authorization to Purchase Riparian Mitigation Credits – Agreement No. 222-25, New Jersey Turnpike, GV Oradell, LLC, Purchase Riparian Mitigation Credits, Reconstruction of Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay, R-192598, Budget Code: 5000056102, Amount: $1,400,000.00,** was approved.

This Agreement will provide for the purchase of riparian mitigation credits to mitigate for up to 1.8 acres of riparian zone impacted by improvements proposed for the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay as part of the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit issued for the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay requires compensation in the form of creation, enhancement, restoration, preservation, riparian credit purchase from an approved mitigation bank, or combination thereof. The purchase of riparian credits was found to be the most cost-effective method of riparian zone mitigation. The Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank, owned and operated by GV Oradell, LLC, was verified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be the only bank within the project's watershed management area that offers riparian credits. Procurement will be a sole source, pursuant to the Authority's regulations.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute Agreement No. 222-25 with GV Oradell, LLC to purchase riparian mitigation credits at a cost not to exceed $1,400,000.00, pursuant to the terms outlined above. It is further recommended that the Commissioners

authorize the Executive Director to execute any such other documents and take any such other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

This Agreement was procured under the sole source procurement authorization of N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation. A resolution, as required by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, is attached hereto.

RESOLUTION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT
RIPARIAN MITIGATION CREDITS

**WHEREAS,** the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay ("Project") will impact riparian zone in Watershed Management Areas 5 and 7; and

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Upland, Waterfront Development Individual In-Water, Flood Hazard Area Individual, and Freshwater Wetland Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate Permits (NJDEP Permit #0000-23-0012.2 LUP230001) and Corrections Letter issued for the Improvements will require construction of a mitigation site, site preservation, or the purchase of mitigation credits from a riparian mitigation bank within the local watershed to mitigate impacts to the riparian zone by the Project; and

**WHEREAS,** such aforementioned Permits will allow the Authority to purchase riparian mitigation credits from Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank; and

**WHEREAS,** as of February 25, 2025, the Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank operated by GV Oradell, LLC located in Boroughs of Haworth and Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey was verified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be the only currently approved mitigation bank with riparian mitigation credits servicing Watershed Management Area 5; and

**WHEREAS,** the Engineering Department has determined that the purchasing of mitigation credits is found to be the most cost-effective method of mitigation and will allow for the Project to proceed on schedule; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority's regulations, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1 promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1, permit sole source procurement when only one source for the required product exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Authority's Commissioners hereby authorize and approve the award to GV Oradell, LLC for riparian mitigation credits in an amount not to exceed $1,400,000.00, as a sole source exception to procurement by public advertisement permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(1) promulgated under the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.S.A. 27:23-1.

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**2025-03-060**

In a document dated March 5, 2025, **Authorization to Purchase Tidal Open Water and Intertidal and Subtidal Shallows Mitigation Credits – Agreement No. 223-25, New Jersey Turnpike, Evergreen Environmental, LLC, Purchase Tidal Open Water and Intertidal and Subtidal Shallows Mitigation Credits, Reconstruction of Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay, R-192600, Budget Code: 5000056102, Amount: $10,200,000.00,** was approved.

This Agreement will provide for the purchase of mitigation credits to mitigate for up to 4.272 acres of tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows impacted by improvements proposed for the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay as part of the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit issued for the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay requires compensation in the form of creation, enhancement, restoration, preservation, tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows credit purchase from an approved mitigation bank, or combination thereof. The purchase of

tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows credits was found to be the most cost-effective method of tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows mitigation. The MRI3 Mitigation Bank owned and operated by Evergreen Environmental, LLC was verified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be the only bank with a service area that includes the site of the filling that offers tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows credits. Procurement will be a sole source, pursuant to the Authority's regulations.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute Agreement No. 223-25 with Evergreen Environmental, LLC to purchase tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows mitigation credits at a cost not to exceed $10,200,000.00, pursuant to the terms outlined above. It is further recommended that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any such other documents and take any such other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

This Agreement was procured under the sole source procurement authorization of N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation. A resolution, as required by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, is attached hereto.

RESOLUTION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT
TIDAL OPEN WATER AND INTERTIDAL
AND SUBTIDAL SHALLOWS MITIGATION CREDITS

**WHEREAS,** the reconstruction of the Newark Bay Bridge over Newark Bay ("Project") will impact tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows; and

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Upland, Waterfront Development Individual In-Water, Flood Hazard Area Individual, and Freshwater Wetland Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate (NJDEP Permit #0000-23-0012.2 LUP230001) and Mitigation Conditions Correction Letter issued for the Improvements will require construction of a mitigation site, site preservation, or the purchase of mitigation credits from a mitigation bank within the local watershed to mitigate impacts to the tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows by the Project; and

**WHEREAS,** such aforementioned Permits will allow the Authority to purchase tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal mitigation credits from MRI3 Mitigation Bank; and

**WHEREAS,** as of February 25, 2025, the MRI3 Mitigation Bank operated by Evergreen Environmental, LLC located in Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey was verified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be the only currently approved mitigation bank with a service area that includes the site of filling and offers tidal open water and intertidal and subtidal shallows mitigation credits; and

**WHEREAS,** the Engineering Department has determined that the purchasing of mitigation credits is found to be the most cost-effective method of mitigation and will allow for the Project to proceed on schedule; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority's regulations, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1 promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1, permit sole source procurement when only one source for the required product exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Authority's Commissioners hereby authorize and approve the award to Evergreen Environmental, LLC for tidal open water mitigation credits in an amount not to exceed $10,200,000.00, as a sole source exception to procurement by public advertisement permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(1) promulgated under the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.S.A. 27:23-1.

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On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado, the Board unanimously approved Agenda Item Nos. 2025-03-056 through 2025-03-060; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL**

| DIAZ | DuPONT | GRAVINO | SALERMO | MALDONADO | WISNIEWSKI | O'CONNOR |
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| ABSENT | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |

**ACKNOWLEDGE REPORTS OF**
**ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

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**2025-03-061**

The Board acknowledges the reports of Engineering Expenditures Under Delegated Authority as indicated below:

- Construction Contract Progress Summary
- Change Order Summary
- Utility Order Report

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**2025-03-061**

The Authority accepted the reports contained in agenda item number 2025-03-061 and received same for file.

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**ROCUREMENT AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ("PMM")**

Manager of PMM Christine Noble requested approval of Agenda Item Nos. 2025-03-062 through 2025-03-065. Moved are the items as follows:

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**PUBLIC BIDS**

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**2025-03-062**

In a document dated March 3, 2025, **Overhead Doors Repairs and Replacement, Capozzi Overhead Doors, Inc., Merchantville Overhead Doors Co., Inc., RM-191755 (Operations), Budget Code: 010 00 585 464010, Amount: $199,680.00 (2-year contract),** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award contracts for the Repairs and Replacement of Overhead Garage Doors on both Roadways. The bid was divided into four (4) geographical areas: A) Turnpike South; B) Turnpike North; C) Parkway South and D) Parkway North. Bidders were able to bid on one or multiple areas. For comparative purposes awards were based on the estimated annual expenses for labor (160 hours) and mileage (320 miles) per area. Bidders were also required to provide a discount off the Manufacturer's List Price for parts used in repairs. The bid was fully advertised, and the eight (8) vendors listed in the Authority's database for the referenced commodity were notified of the procurement. On February 18, 2025, two (2) bids were received. Bid results are as follows:

| Vendor | Area A TPK South | Area B TPK North | Area C GSP South | Area D GSP North | Total Award PER YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capozzi Overhead Doors, Inc.<br>East Orange, NJ | NO BID | **$23,680.00** | NO BID | **$23,680.00** | **$47,360.00** |
| Merchantville Overhead Door Co., Inc<br>Camden, NJ | **$26,240.00** | $26,240.00 | **$26,240.00** | $26,240.00 | **$52,480.00** |

Departmental Estimate: $220,000.00.

Bids for this contract were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award two-year contracts to both Capozzi Overhead Doors, Inc. and Merchantville Overhead Door Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed $199,680.00, subject to funding availability at the time of order.

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**STATE/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

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**2025-03-063**

In a document dated March 7, 2025, **Islion Backup Storage Hardware Refresh, Dell Marketing, LP, R-192139 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 0390052000, State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883 expiring 06/30/2025, Amount: $2,055,901.97,** was approved.

Under this contract, Dell Marketing, LP will provide the Authority with Isilon hardware to support Authority data backup and the storage of toll lane images system. The existing hardware supporting these platforms is at end-of-life and end-of-support. This request provides for a trade-in of the current system, as well as increases the overall available storage space to meet current and future needs. Therefore, it is requested to procure Isilon hardware for an amount not to exceed $2,055,901.97.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883, is in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-1 *et seq.,* the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883 for Islion Backup Storage Hardware Refresh to Dell Marketing, LP for an amount not to exceed $2,055,901.97.

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**2025-03-064**

In a document dated March 5, 2025, **Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) Software Replacement, ePlus Technology, Inc., RM-192308 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 010 00 830 445900, State Contract No. M4002/19-COMP-00601 expiring 09/15/2026, Amount: $2,031,899.04,** was approved.

Under this contract, ePlus Technology, Inc., will supply the Authority with a Security Information and Event Management ("SIEM") solution and implementation services. The ePlus price proposal will provide the Authority with 36 months of licensing for Splunk Enterprise Security, as well as professional services for onboarding and continuous management during the term. This product will replace the current SIEM, QRadar, which is reaching the end of its useful life as an on-premise solution. This request is in an amount not to exceed $2,031,899.04, for three years. $330,730.28 will be paid annually for software licensing and the remaining $1,039,708.20 for implementation and professional services will be paid over a three-year period.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M4002/19-COMP-00601, is in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-1 *et seq.,* the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M4002/19-COMP-00601 for SIEM Software Replacement to ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $2,031,899.04.

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**STATE CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS**

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**2025-03-065**

In a document dated March 5, 2025, **State Contract Modifications,** was approved.

At prior Board of Commissioners meetings, the Authority approved purchases (up to a maximum authorized dollar amount) from the vendors listed herein under the New Jersey State contract referenced below. The terms of the referenced State contract have since been extended and additional funds are needed to purchase these necessary goods and/or services through the extended terms of the State contract.

The original procurements, under the State contracts, were in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, given that the period of time during which the Authority may make additional purchases under the referenced State Contract was extended through the new expiration dates of these contracts, approval is hereby requested to increase the Authority's current authorized amounts to the new authorized amounts stated in the attached chart, subject to funding availability at the time of order.

| Description / Original Agenda Item or Award Date and Req # | Vendor Name | Requisition Number | NJTA Contract No. | NJ State Contract No. Expiration | Current Authorized Amount | New Authorized Amount | Requested Increase Amount |
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| **Front Load Solid Waste Collection 073-02-2016 RM-122111** | Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. | RM-191916 (Operations) | 2305 | T-2665/40379 Expiring 01/10/2026 | $3,200,000.00 | $3,650,000.00 | **$450,000.00** |
| **Front Load Solid Waste Collection 073-02-2016 RM-122111** | Tri State Carting, Inc. | RM-191921 (Operations) | 2306 | T-2665/40376 Expiring 01/10/2026 | $503,000.00 | $653,000.00 | **$150,000.00** |
| **Emergency Walk-in Building Supplies, Small Appliances, and Lumber** | Home Depot USA, Inc. | RM-191907 (Operations) | 2532 | 18-FLEET-00234 Expiring 12/31/2026 | $620,000.00 | $720,000.00 | **$100,000.00** |
| **Parts and Repairs of Road Maintenance Equipment** | Trius, Inc. | RM-192389 (Operations) | 1987 | T-2188/85856 Expiring 11/29/2025 | $210,000.00 | $270,000.00 | **$60,000.00** |
| **Total** | | | | | | | **$760,000.00** |

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**2025-03-062**
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On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado the Board unanimously approved item numbers 2025-03-062 through 2025-03-065; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL**

| DIAZ | DuPONT | GRAVINO | SALERMO | MALDONADO | WISNIEWSKI | O'CONNOR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABSENT | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**OPERATIONS**

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-03-066. Moved is the item as follows:

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**2025-03-066**

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of **Volumes and Crash Synopses for the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike: Period 01/01/2025 through 2/28/2025; with 2024-2025 Yearly Comparisons through February 2025,** was approved.

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**2025-03-066**

On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Gravino, the Board unanimously accepted Agenda Item No. 2025-03-066; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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**STATE POLICE**

Captain Michael Lavin requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-03-067. Moved is the item as follows:

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**2025-03-067**

Captain Michael Lavin requested acceptance of the **New Jersey State Police Troop D Activity Reports** for February 2025, with 2024–2025 Yearly Comparisons.

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**2025-03-067**

On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board unanimously accepted the reports contained in Agenda Item No. 2025-03-067 and received same for file.

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**FINANCE**

Executive Director James Carone requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-03-068. Moved is the item as follows:

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**2025-03-068**

Executive Director James Carone presented the **Financial Summary for the Two (2) months ended February 28, 2025**, was accepted.

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**2025-03-068**

On motion by Commissioner Maldonado and seconded by Commissioner Salermo, the Board unanimously accepted Agenda Item No. 2025-03-068; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted. The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in person, with optional telephonic public call in (check the website NJTA.com to get call-in information), at the Authority's headquarters building located at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Jennifer Kanski
Secretary to the Authority

James D. Carone
Executive Director

Date: March 27, 2025