

Connecting Communities: Investing in the Region's Transportation Future

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Connecting Communities

The NJTPA Long Range Transportation Plan

Context & Trends



POPULATION

7.7M PEOPLE IN 2050



Up from
6.7M in 2019



EMPLOYMENT

3.4M JOBS IN 2050



Up from
3.1M in 2019



AGE

18% OVER 65
YEARS IN 2050



Up from
16% in 2019



Freight

502M TONS IN 2050



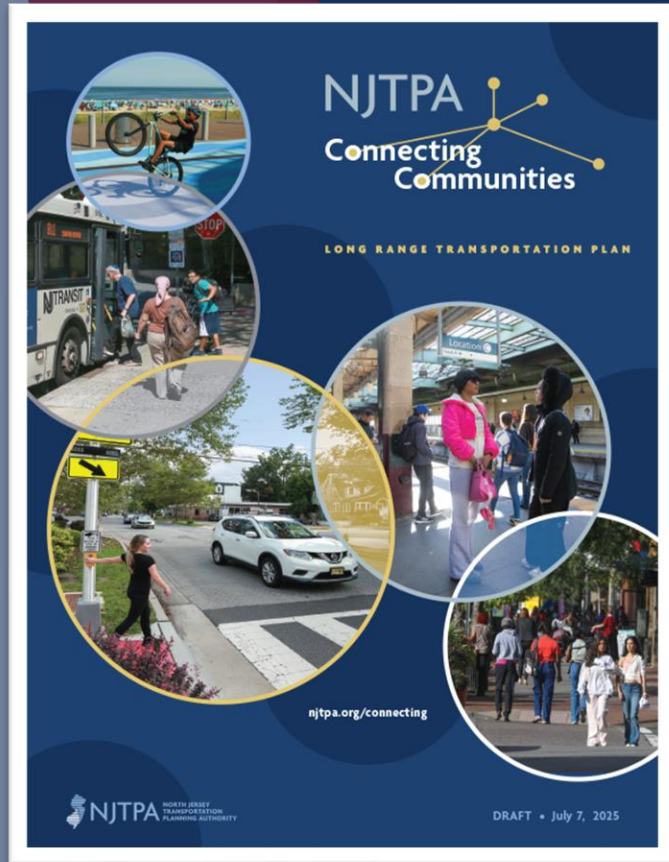
Up
26% from 2025

Creating a Vision



- 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

Plan Goals



- » *Opportunity & Access*
- » *Safety*
- » *Efficiency, Connectivity & Reliability*
- » *Resiliency*
- » *Land Use*
- » *State of Good Repair*
- » *Economy*

The Financial Element

- Federal requirement for long-range plans
- Shows reasonable anticipated revenues, expenditures and presents three scenarios
- Plan Scenario: \$123.47 billion

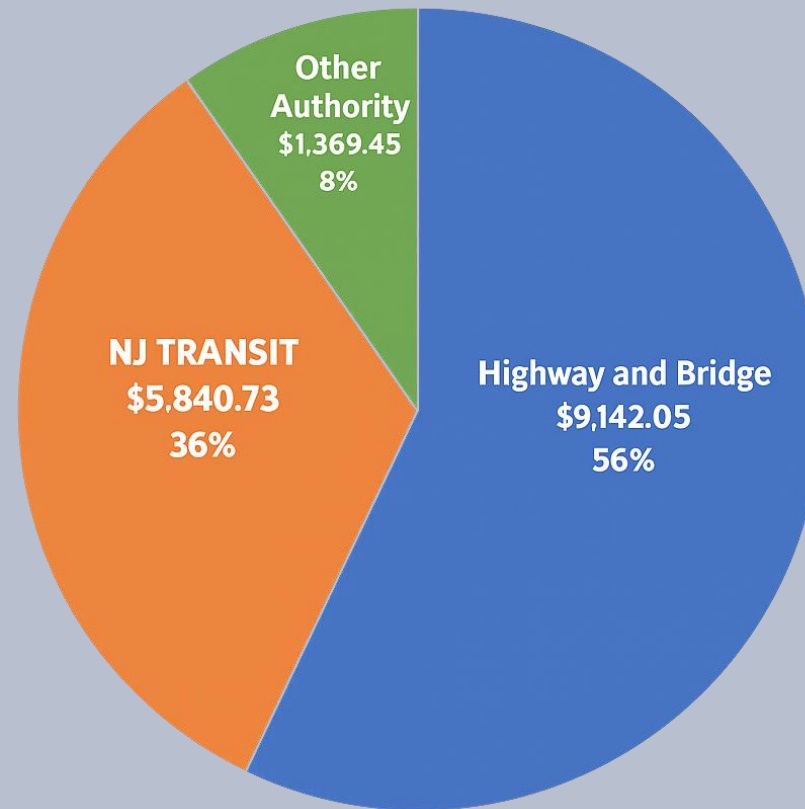


Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TIP Overview

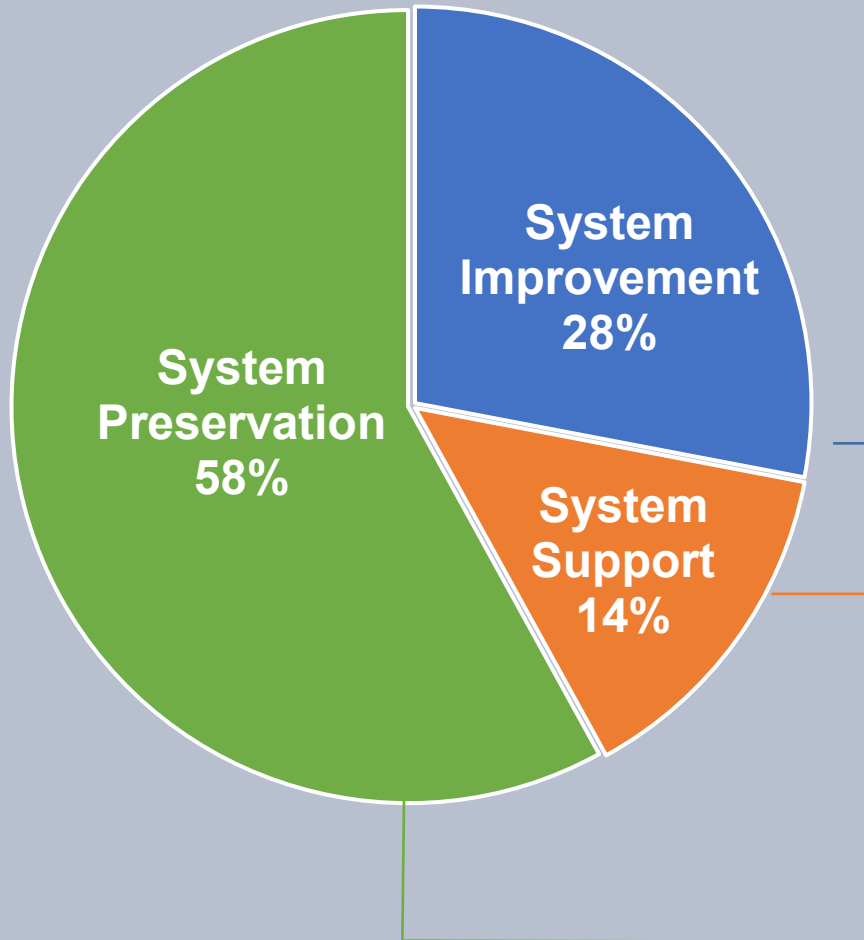
- Four-year fiscally constrained list of projects and programs
- Updated every two years
- Includes transit, bicycle and pedestrian, road, bridge and freight improvements
- Allocates \$16.35 billion in transportation investments in the NJTPA region

FY 2026–2029 Draft TIP (\$ millions)

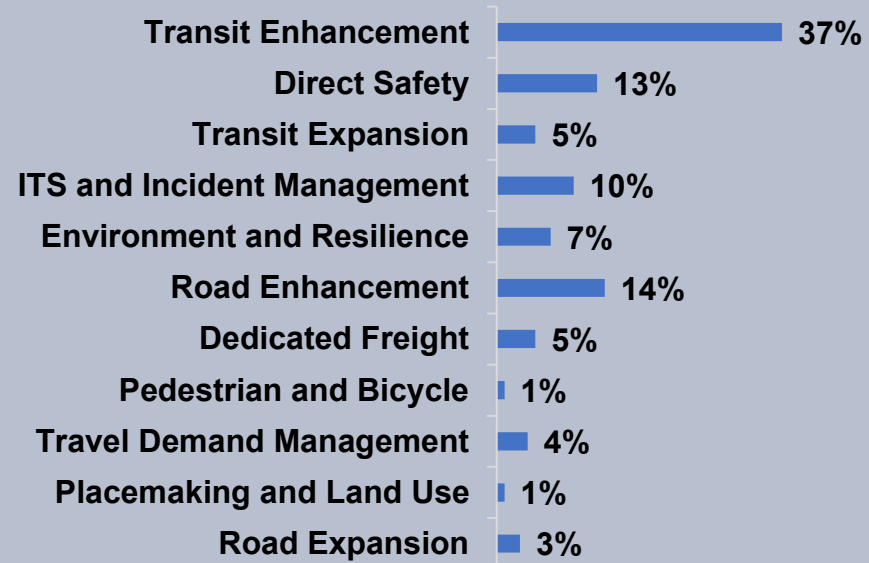


Investment Strategy

4-Year Financial Plan



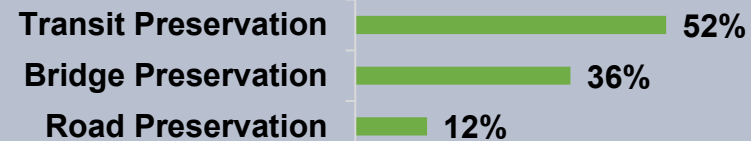
System Improvement



System Support



System Preservation



Air Quality Conformity Determination

Air Quality Conformity



- This technical process ensures *Connecting Communities* and TIP projects, taken collectively, meet federal air quality standards and do not worsen air quality.
- Analyzes aggregate projects.

Conformity in the NJTPA Region

- The NJTPA determines compliance for two pollutants:
 - Ozone (NO_x and VOCs)
- No longer required to run emissions for:
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Fine particulate matter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$)



Outreach

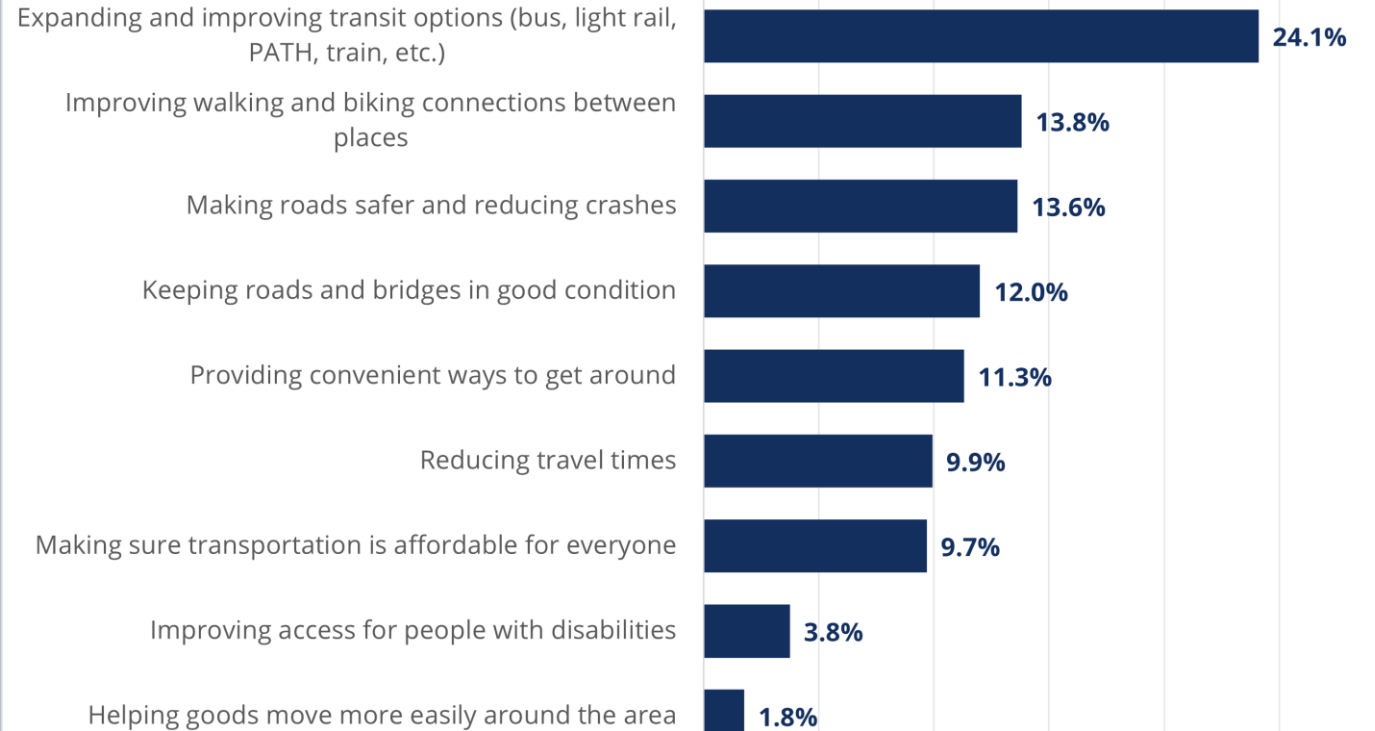
Visioning

NJTPA
Connecting Communities
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

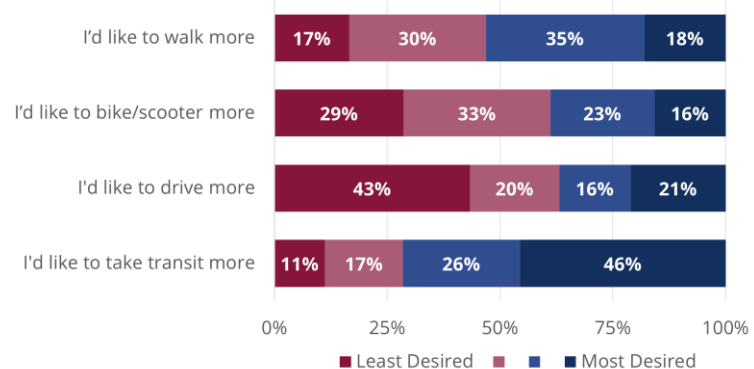
TAKE OUR SURVEY

What are your transportation priorities?

IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE BIGGEST POSITIVE IMPACT



FUTURE TRAVEL MODE



Let's Talk Transportation!

VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

LET'S TALK

WALKING, BIKING, & ROLLING INVESTMENTS



JANUARY 28
11:30 AM

NJTPA Connecting Communities
RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
Alex M. Vachon Transportation Center

LET'S TALK

TRANSPORTATION



Going Places: Improving Access to Transit



MARCH 3
11:30 AM

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NJ TRANSIT
Transit Friendly Planning

LET'S TALK

TRANSPORTATION



Creating Vibrant Downtowns: Balancing People, Parking & Deliveries



MARCH 25
11:30 AM

NJTPA Connecting Communities
DOWNTOWN NEW JERSEY

Pop-Up Outreach Events



**Bike Rodeo, Piscataway
Middlesex County**



**Touch-a-Truck, Paterson
Passaic County**



**Kids' Stuff Flea Market, Lakewood
Ocean County**

Kid-Sized Outreach



HOW WE LISTENED

1,861
SURVEY
RESPONSES



365
SOCIAL
MEDIA POSTS

18
STAKEHOLDER
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS



6
LANGUAGES
USED FOR
OUTREACH

1,836
PAPER SURVEYS

8,125
BOOKMARKS

395 DISTRIBUTED
TO 51
FLYERS LIBRARIES



95
VIRTUAL
STAKEHOLDER
FORUM
PARTICIPANTS



32
BOARD
VISIONING
WORKSHOP
ATTENDEES

17
POP-UP
EVENTS

1,307 +
IN-PERSON
PARTICIPANTS

347
ONLINE
SURVEY
RESPONSES

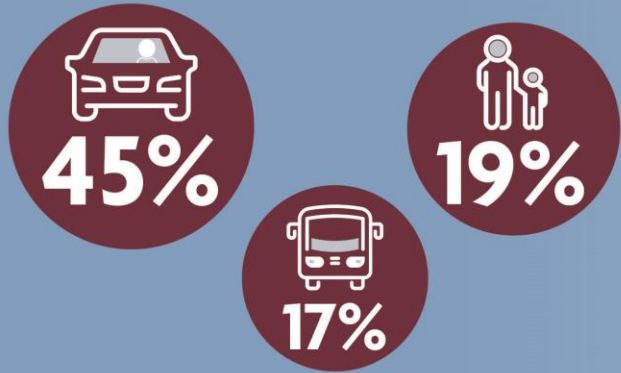


274
YOUTH
COLORING
CONTEST
ENTRIES



WHAT WE HEARD

CURRENT TRAVEL MODE



FUTURE TRAVEL MODE



SAFER STREETS



59% said their transportation needs are not being met

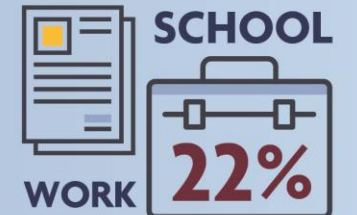
TRANSIT ACCESS



WALKING IMPROVEMENTS



BIKING IMPROVEMENTS



Public Comment Period

- Public review of draft *Connecting Communities*, TIP, conformity determination
- July 7 – August 5; public meetings July 17
 - 30 people at conformity workshop
 - 40+ people at the virtual open house
- Summary of comments & responses posted online



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

July 17

Air Quality Conformity Determination Public Workshop

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Virtual Public Meeting on all three drafts
(LRTP, TIP, and Air Quality Conformity Determination)

4 - 7 p.m.



Next Steps

Priorities



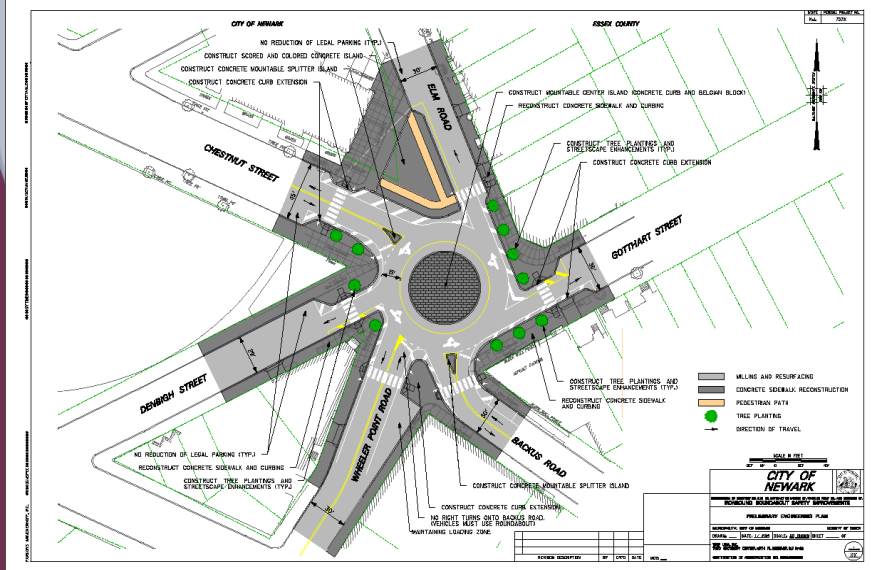
- The Gateway Program
 - Hudson Tunnel Project
 - Portal North Bridge
- Work towards Zero Fatalities by 2050
- Support multi-modal travel options
- Integrate land use and transportation decisions
- Create extreme weather resiliency

Priority Actions: Planning

- Support Complete Streets, Emerging Centers, Vibrant Places, Transit Hubs
- Municipal safety planning that builds on county-level Local Safety Action Plans
- Support for county and municipal resilience and emissions reduction
- Use performance measures to gauge progress
- Complete regional zoning atlas



Priority Actions: Investments



- Support safe and convenient bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connections
- Initiate safety improvements, guided by data and local safety plans
- Adequately fund a State of Good Repair for all transportation assets
- Invest in technology and resilience

Priority Actions: Collaboration

- Foster coordination between transportation and other agencies making investments in the region
- Strengthen collaboration to integrate resilience into maintenance and preservation
- Support state and local applications to competitive grants
- Promote economic development and engage private interests to best meet business and community needs



Thank you!



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Defining the Vision. Shaping the Future.