



## I. Overview of Feedback/High-level Takeaways

The Efficient Task Force members agreed that their work should build on the work of Plan Smart New Jersey and Sustainable Jersey. These organizations can support the Task Force's efforts while drawing on the Task Force as a resource to further their missions. The Task Force will lay out a work plan to advance this relationship. As a start, data compiled for the last three years should be shared with people who are going to make an agenda for the next State-level administration.

In addition, the activities of the Efficient Task Force can support the efforts of the other TNJ 2.0 Task Forces in those areas of interest that overlap. The Complete Streets topic, for example, came up during all four meetings of the Task Forces. The Task Forces should coordinate and focus on overlapping issues in a way that allows for organic discussion and development of these ideas beyond the specific Focus Areas themes and staff roles within each theme group. This will also help to establish a unified voice emphasizing the value of transportation, land use and other strategies.

The Efficient Task Force should be expanded through recruitment of members knowledgeable in natural resources protection/enhancement to work cooperatively to the New Jersey State departments charged with protecting natural resources and the environment through regulations. The Task Force should seek representatives from the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) and the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) to fill this role.

## II. Summary of Discussion by Focus Area

### **FOCUS AREA 5: LOCATE MOST NEW HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLACES WITH EXISTING AND PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **Strategy 5.1: Promote transit oriented development (TOD)**

Will be addressed in coordination with Strategy 7.3 (see below).

### **FOCUS AREA 7: CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES WITH SAFE, CONVENIENT AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Strategy 7.2: Adopt and implement complete streets policies**

Develop a Complete Streets Training Program that will encourage county and local adoption/application of Complete Streets policies and designs. Consider setting a target for number of jurisdictions that adopt and apply policies and designs. The Task Force focused the proposed development effort around four core components with the following work topics and potential partners/champions:

- **Policy and resource elements:** (NJTPA, NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, Tri-State Transportation Campaign, RPA) – Explore legal/liability issues; Evaluate inter-agency policy and coordination needs; Develop a Complete Streets Primer, and identify possible funding sources.
- **Technical elements:** (NJTPA, NJDOT, NJ TRANSIT, County Engineers Association (CEA), Municipal Engineers Association (MEA), Sussex County/Passaic County) – Identify Complete Streets design methods and approaches; Develop performance metrics to evaluate Complete Streets suitability or need; develop templates; and identify showcase examples.
- **Training and educational design elements:** (Rutgers Bloustein / CAIT; CEA; MEA; NJDOT; NJTPA; NJ TRANSIT)) – Identify Complete Streets design methods and approaches; Develop performance metrics to evaluate Complete Streets suitability or need; develop templates; and identify showcase examples.
- **Outreach and marketing elements:** (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF); American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); CEA; MEA; Rutgers, NJ Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA)) – Develop

approaches/programs that target training to 1) citizens (e.g. health, safety, livability), and 2) technical staff and administrators (e.g. policy/implementation guidance, technical support, resources).

**Next Steps:** The committee will organize a series of sub-meetings and conference calls in the next three months to identify appropriate champions and staff to advance the elements identified above.

**Strategy 7.3: Improve conditions and service at transit hub locations**

Will be addressed in coordination with Strategy 5.1 (see above)

**Strategy 7.4: Enhance and improve existing public and private transit services**

Tabled until next meeting. Focus on transit supportive highway design and projects.

**FOCUS AREA 11: TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY**

**Strategy 11.2: Transition to carbon-free electricity generation, including use of renewables**

- **Improve dialogue with and develop guidance for municipalities to expedite permitting, and adjust zoning and land use standards** (Sustainable Jersey (SJ), industry associations (TBD), New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), NJTPA, NJDEP – Explore funding, program coordination between agencies.
- **Provide support for deploying alternative Fuel Infrastructure.** (Clean Cities Coalition (CCC); NJTPA; NJDEP; SJ; NJLM; NJPO; New Jersey Future (NJF); ANJEC) – NJTPA is currently evaluating readiness and developing guidebook for Alternate Fuels Study for northern New Jersey municipalities. Consider bringing in NJDEP for permitting element. Explore possible use of consultant services to support evaluating locations that can be modified into a TOD area. If we need to do that for energy, we can. NJTPA can look into what is being done, or if we need to hire a consultant to support the program.

**Next Steps:** Jeff Perlman, Randy Solomon and others will investigate issues further and report back prior to and at next meeting in January.

### **III. Technical Assistance/Capacity Building Recommendations**

- Consider use of SharePoint, Basecamp, or a webpage within TNJ website to upload documents, have discussion forums, and share contact information to improve Task Force communication.
- Explore program coordination among agencies. As an example, Sustainable New Jersey develops readiness actions that could be eligible for NJDEP grant programs. DEP should be a partner as this Task Force develops.

### **IV. New Member Recruitment**

The Task Force recommended that a representative from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) be sought to represent issues regarding protection and regulation of the natural environment. It was also suggested that a representative from the NJDEP be sought to provide expertise in permitting processes and issues.

### **V. Visibility and Awareness-Building Events**

- **Hold workshops and symposiums to talk about best practices:** Follow examples of Transit Village and Transit supportive development programs for TOD and NJTPA planning programs. Explore agency resources and possible consultant funding, perhaps involving NJTPA coordination with Sustainable Jersey.
- **Roadway Diet Workshop Training:** Aligning with NJTPA, Rutgers Voorhees and the New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to perform training will help to build foundations for further training on Complete Streets and other topics.