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### Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2020  
Via Microsoft Teams

#### Council Members

**Present:** Monique Griffith, Andy Kricun, Amy Tuininga, Meredith Taylor, Nancy Griffith, Jeffrey Perlman, Joann Held, Kim Gaddy, Melissa Miles, Kelly Francis, Zach Lewis, Shanique Biles, Leilani Holgado

**Absent:** Ted Carrington, Gantry Fox, Phyllis Reich, Jackie Park Albaum

**OEJ Staff:** Riché Outlaw, Nadia Akbar

**DEP and State Agency Guests:** Deputy Commissioner Olivia Glenn, Mandy Futey, Ed Carrington, Michael Gordon, Katie Angarone, Peg Hanna, Allison, McLeod, Ken Ratzman Brad Bollen, Bob Kettig, Branden Carreno, Elizabeth George-Cheniara, Barbara Goun, Kerry Kirk-Pflugh, Jennifer Feltis Cortese, Davon, McCurry, Dom Stockton-Rossini, Carrie Sargeant, Christopher Colacello, Myla Ramirez, Helaine Barr

**NJTPA Guests:** Lois Goldman, Ted Ritter

#### Call to Order

Monique Griffith opened the meeting at 10:08 am.

#### Introduction of New Staff (Monique Griffith)

Ed Carrington and Mandy Futey have joined Deputy Commissioner Glenn's staff. Ed recently served with the Peace Corps in Mexico where he worked on Environmental Education. Mandy transferred from the NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry. She has a background in communications.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Joann Held moved that the minutes from the September 9, 2020 be approved. The motion was seconded by Kim Gaddy. All present voted to approve.

#### NJTPA Presentation (Jeffrey Perlman & Lois Goldman)

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is in the process of preparing their next Long Range Transportation Plan. (It is updated every 4 years.) Public engagement has included a survey, virtual workshops, and a symposium series. The new plan, known as "Plan 2050", will be adopted in the Fall of 2021.

Lois Goldman, Director of Long-Range Planning, led a discussion of some of the topics contained in the survey including: Public Transportation (walkability, fares, suburb to suburb deficiencies, etc.), Highway Traffic & Congestion (especially in EJ Communities), Electrification of Buses, Smaller Transportation Systems (to fill in the gaps within neighborhoods), and Impact of Freight & Logistics on EJ Communities. She encouraged everyone to participate in the survey as a way to continue the discussion. It can be found at: <https://njtpa-plan-2050-njtpa.hub.arcgis.com>

## **DEP Updates (Deputy Commissioner Glenn)**

### *EJ Law*

The EJ Law was adopted on September 18 and NJDEP has already started the rulemaking process. The first Stakeholder meeting will be on October 22. All are invited to participate.

### *EO23 Guidance Document*

The EO 23 Guidance Document, entitled “Furthering the Promise”, has been finalized. Among other things it officially establishes the Environmental Justice Interagency Council (EJIC). The first EJIC meeting is scheduled for November 2.

### *Global Warming Response Act (Bob Kettig)*

The “80 by 50 Report” required by the GWRA will be released in October. It contains a detailed plan to reduce NJ Greenhouse Gas Emissions to 80% of their 2006 levels by 2050. Bob reviewed some of the actions recommended to reduce emissions of Black Carbon, including: continued turnover of medium and heavy-duty vehicles; electrification of medium and heavy-duty vehicles; and nonroad diesel equipment emission reduction.

### *Transportation Climate Initiative (Peg Hanna)*

The Department is receiving comments on the TCI Cap and Invest proposal, and discussing 3 equity principles to be included in the MOU.

### *S697: Lead Paint (Mike Gordon)*

The legislative proposal will have a public hearing in the Senate in October.

## **Updates from Working Groups**

### *Air (Melissa Miles)*

The Air workgroup has been reviewing many state and regional initiatives including: TCI, RGGI, GWRA and the EJ Bill. They are considering grouping their work into the following categories:

- Climate Initiatives
- Cumulative Impacts
- Compliance & Enforcement
- Policy
- Advocacy

### *Water (Andy Kricun)*

The Water workgroup has been focused on four priorities.

- Implementation of the Long Term CSO Control Plans which are to be submitted in October
- Moratorium on Water Shutoffs and what will happen to low-income households when the pandemic is over
- Lead in Drinking Water, including the Senate bill
- Water work force initiative pilot program (possible NJ participation)

#### Land (Zach Lewis)

The Land workgroup is discussing the following topics and looking for ways to provide a synthesis or compilation of the issues.

- Solid Waste Reform / Composting
- Brownfield Revitalization
- Illegal Dumping
- COVID-19 Impacts
- Access to Open Space
- Expansion of Ports

#### EEC (Meredith Taylor)

A primary goal of the EEC workgroup is to assist with the Rulemaking Stakeholder process that the Department is launching to implement the new EJ Law. In addition, they are:

- Reviewing existing outreach documents
- Exploring development of a short video about EJ including the roles of OEJ and EJAC in the context of the new EJ Law

#### **Bylaws (Monique)**

Nadia Akbar has sent out the latest draft of changes to the EJAC Bylaws. Any final comments should be submitted by the end of the week. There will be a vote to accept the Bylaws at the December meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09

#### **Next Meeting**

December 9, 2020 at 10am