



Transportation



A Commitment to Department of Transportation Priorities *Keeping New Jersey on the Move Through Safe, Reliable, Efficient Transit*

A Commitment to the Department of Transportation's Mission

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to keeping New Jersey on the move through an integrated network of safe, reliable and efficient transportation options. New Jersey is located in the heart of one of the nation's critical commerce corridors, and our transportation network helps fuel the state, national and global economies.

As the most densely populated state in the nation, New Jersey requires effective management of transportation resources to maintain and improve the quality of life enjoyed by residents. Key priorities include maintaining our infrastructure assets in a state of good-repair and targeting resources for capacity expansion projects based on rigorous cost-benefit analysis.

Protecting Priorities in the Face of an Economic and Fiscal Crisis

The Department's priorities reflected in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget:

- NJDOT will make significant investments in rehabilitating and resurfacing roads, including I-78 in Essex and Union Counties and I-295 in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties;
- Ongoing initiatives that are producing positive results will be strengthened;
- The Department will advance Turnpike and Garden State Parkway widening projects;
- Work will continue on the Route 52 Causeway to replace this critical span in Atlantic County;
- Bus Rapid Transit technology offers a cost-effective way to improve and expand transit service.

Making Tough Decisions

The Department's leadership understands the need to share in the burden of overall budget-cutting, and has identified areas where reductions can occur.

- Top-to-bottom organizational analysis of programs and staffing is under way with the anticipation of significant reductions in costs;
- Close NJDOT's in-house print shop;
- Eliminate the Office of Transportation Security (redundant to NJ Office of Homeland Security);
- Discontinue the I Boat New Jersey program which provides funding to marinas for dock and other repairs.

Making the New Jersey Department of Transportation Work Better for the Public

NJDOT is committed to "entrepreneurial government," which means drawing on the best practices of the private and public sectors. It also means treating motorists and transit users as customers, and never losing focus that serving our customers is job No. 1.

The Department is conducting a thorough review of existing regulations to identify rules that no longer promote efficient solutions to transportation needs. NJDOT will prepare recommendations for legislative changes that promote innovative strategies to advance the department's mission in the most cost-effective manner.

In an effort to obtain the maximum value of every dollar spent, NJDOT will invest in technology that optimizes the performance of our multi-modal transportation network. Additionally, Department employees will be evaluated under a Performance Assessment Review System that will provide more useful information for effective management and improvement of employee performance.