

APPENDIX G – STRATEGY EVALUATION

A key technical element of the Portway Extensions Concept Development Study required defining the condition of the future transportation infrastructure, both physically and operationally. The future condition definition served as a baseline against which the infrastructure improvement concepts developed as part of the study were compared and evaluated. Various elements of the Portway Phase I program, most notably the proposed Passaic River Crossing and the proposed extension of New Road northward to Secaucus Road, are expected to have a significant effect on future vehicle flows, both background traffic and container trucks. As such, it was imperative that the feasibility and acceptability of these proposed Portway Phase I elements be included as integral to this Study.

For the sole purpose of advancing the Portway Extensions Concept Development Study, a Strategy Evaluations consistency analysis was conducted with respect to various elements of the Portway Phase I program for which the provisions and requirements of the regional Congestion Management System (CMS) are applicable. The regional CMS analysis is a function of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). It is anticipated that the NJTPA will incorporate the Portway Phase I components in the next application of their regional analysis.

The Strategy Evaluations consistency analysis conducted for this Study determined that the components of the Portway Phase I program, as proposed, are consistent with the strategies approved for application within their respective districts, and that the physical type and configuration of the proposed improvements are both reasonable and appropriate. Therefore, the Portway Phase I components were incorporated into the future No-Build conditions solely for the purposes of the Portway Extensions Concept Development Study.