

**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on February 16, 2022, via teleconference commencing at 9:03 a.m.

After calling the meeting to order Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti stated due to her chairing the meeting via teleconference, Vice Chairman Milam would be signing the approved resolutions on her behalf.

Present

Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
 Commissioner Bryan J. Bush
 Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD
 Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt
 Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam
 Commissioner Joseph Ripa
 Jeffry Nielsen, Esq., Governor’s Authorities Unit
 Stephen F. Dougherty, Executive Director (in person)
 Karen Davis, Treasure (in person)
 Nicholas Sullivan, Esq., General Counsel
 Paul Heck, Director of Business Administration (in person)
 Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary (in person)
 Debra Murphy, Alternate Board Secretary (in person)

Absent

Commissioner James J. McCullough
 Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.
 Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA

Statement of Public Notice

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was opened advising the Commissioners and public that notice of the meeting was duly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City, the Camden Courier Post, and with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey as to the time and date of convening. Notice has also been posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, the Atlantic City and Blackwood Offices as prescribed by law.

Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a moment of silence for those who continue to be impacted by the Coronavirus.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti	X	
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.		X
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough		X
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	X	
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

** One member of the public called into this meeting.*

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 agenda. Whereupon a motion was made Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving said agenda.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken adopting and approving the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Ripa and seconded by Vice Chairman Milam approving said minutes. No questions were asked, however, Commissioner Hill abstained from voting due to missing part of the January 19, 2022 meeting. All other Commissioners in attendance voted affirmability adopting the minutes.

Employee Awards

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty if there is an Employee Award this month. Mr. Dougherty responded affirmatively, presenting Ms. Frances Bertino with the Quarterly Employee Recognition Award.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti congratulated Fran on her award and best wishes on her retirement. The Chair also thanked Fran for all that she did for the Authority and she will always be part of the SJTA family. Fran thanked everyone for their kind words and noted it has been a pleasure working for the Authority.

Executive Session

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked General Counsel if an Executive Session was needed, to which General Counsel responded an Executive Session affirmatively.

Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2022-13 to the Chair and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public from discussions related to a litigation matter specific to Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. personnel actions related to the Schedule "A" associated with Resolution 2022-09. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving Resolution 2022-13. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the call operator to place the public audience on hold while the Board conducts the Executive Session.

At the close of Executive Session, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner McDevitt. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

The call operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti then requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti	X	
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.		X
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough		X
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	X	
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

Executive Report

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the February 16, 2022 Executive Report: a copy of which is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Committee Reports

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on February 2, 2022. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as briefings on the repairs to the Egg Harbor Toll Plaza, All Electric Tolling, Atlantic City Expressway Widening MP 31.6 to MP 44 and Signature Flight Support-Right of First Refusal. Commissioners were also provided the schedule of upcoming projects, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

Public Response to Agenda Items

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made.

Approval of Bills

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty for the presentation of bills. Mr. Dougherty stated the bills have been sent to the Commissioners previously for their review and are being recommended for approval. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve the bill list. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving said bill list. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the Commissioners for questions on the motion. Being none, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti			X				
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.							X
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X		X				
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD		X	X				
Commissioner James J. McCullough							X
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt			X				
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam			X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

Resolutions and Motions:

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of five (5) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2022-08 through 2022-12. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented, was moved by Commissioner Vice Chairman Milam, and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving said resolutions. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked for questions or discussions on the motion. There being none, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the Secretary to call the roll. Commissioner Bush abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. The motion was approved.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti			X				
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.							X
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush					X		
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD		X	X				
Commissioner James J. McCullough							X
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt			X				
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X		X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

Copies of Resolutions 2022-08 through 2022-12 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2022-08 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CERTAIN SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS TO VARIOUS
VENDORS FOR ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY
AND ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The purpose of this resolution is to consolidate all known “Sole Source” vendors who provide goods and or services that exceed the Authority’s current bid threshold of \$44,000. On an annual basis, the Purchasing division creates a matrix that details all sole source Purchase Orders (POs) issued the previous year to determine the Authority-wide usage of its Sole Source vendors. Based on the information obtained, the Purchasing division makes initial recommendations for each Sole Source vendor. The matrix is then forwarded to executive management for review and additional recommendations or changes. For the purposes of the Sole Source Resolution, if a recommendation of \$44,000 or more is made, then that vendor is added to the resolution. Sole Source vendors that do not meet the \$44,000 threshold are issued POs and are not subject to inclusion on the Sole Source Resolution. These POs will be issued on an as needed basis and all proper sole source documentation will be attached to the PO. A list of the identified sole source vendors, the product or service they provide and the estimated cost for same has been attached to the resolution entitled Exhibit “A.”

RESOLUTION 2022-09 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Pursuant to the Authority By-Laws, the Personnel Committee shall advise the Board on issues related to organization structure, equal employment opportunity, labor negotiations, employment practices and personnel actions affecting an individual’s employment status or compensation. This resolution seeks Board approval for personnel actions as specified in the “Schedule A” attached to this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2022-10 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC OF HAMMONTON, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY 2022 SPRING RESURFACING PROJECT

On January 6th and January 7th, 2022, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway 2022 Spring Resurfacing Project. The project consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials and performing all work required to resurface the Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway including both shoulders and resurfacing to the existing concrete median barrier and steel beam guide rail. The areas to be resurfaced for the three (3) base bids are as follows:

Base Bid 1:

- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 29.0 to M.P. 25.6 and Interchange 28 On-Ramp from Route 54 Northbound
- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 10.6 to M.P. 9.0

Base Bid 2:

- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 29.0 to M.P. 25.6 and Interchange 28 On-Ramp from Route 54 Northbound
- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 11.1 to M.P. 9.0

Base Bid 3:

- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 29.0 to M.P. 25.6 and Interchange 28 On-Ramp from Route 54 Northbound
- Eastbound Atlantic City Expressway Resurfacing from M.P. 11.4 to M.P. 9.0

On January 26, 2022, one (1) bid was received, opened, and tabulated. The Authority deemed that the Base Bid 3, represented the best value for the Authority. Arawak Paving Co., Inc. was deemed to have submitted the sole responsive, responsible bid for the desired Base Bid 3. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc, for the Atlantic City Expressway 2022 Spring Resurfacing Project, Base Bid 3, in an amount not to exceed \$3,719,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2022-11 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELEASING A WOMAN OWNED CONTRACTOR, INC. (“AWOC”) OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA FROM A CONTRACT FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY WEST MAINTENANCE ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT

On March 31, 2021 and April 1, 2021, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway West Maintenance Roof Rehabilitation Project. Work for this program consists of the replacement of the existing roofing at the West Maintenance Office/Garage Building with a new 60-mil, 20-year warranty, fully adhered EPDM roof system, including removal and reinstallation of all existing mechanical and electrical items, as necessary. As part of this solicitation, the Authority sought two (2) separate Base Bids, wherein the selection is contingent upon available funds. Following a review of the bids, the Authority deemed that the award of the Base Bid #2 represented the best value for the Authority. A Woman Owned Contractor, Inc. (“AWOC”) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was deemed to have submitted the lowest responsible bid for the desired Base Bid #2. Pursuant to Resolution 2021- 47, the Authority authorized an agreement with AWOC for the Atlantic City Expressway West Maintenance Roof Rehabilitation Project, Base Bid #2, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. AWOC has since notified the Authority of their inability to obtain equipment and supplies to complete the project due to unexpected labor and supply chain issues due to COVID-19. They have further asked to be released from said project. The Authority and AWOC have entered into negotiations to resolve this matter and enforce a penalty against AWOC in exchange for the Authority not seeking their bond. The Authority and AWOC have mutually agreed to a settlement agreement releasing AWOC from the current agreement authorized via Resolution 2021-47 and dated July 12, 2021 to perform the above-referenced project and the Authority, in return, will not make a claim on AWOC’s bond. The Executive Director believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a settlement agreement releasing AWOC of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from an agreement dated July 12, 2021 for the Atlantic City Expressway West Maintenance Roof Rehabilitation Project Base Bid #2.

RESOLUTION 2022-12 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SUPPORTING THE INAUGURAL ROCK ‘N’ ROLL ATLANTIC CITY HALF MARATHON

DelMoSports, LLC on behalf of Competitor Group Inc., has notified the Authority of the upcoming Inaugural Rock ‘n’ Roll Atlantic City Half Marathon and 5K run , to take place on May 14th, 2022 and May 15th, 2022. On Sunday, May 15th, 2022 the concluding event will be a 13.1-mile run starting at 7:30 a.m. The proposed course has athletes starting at Historic Bader Field, exiting from West End Avenue onto US 322 westbound. Athletes will then merge onto the Atlantic City Line jug handle looping around to exit back onto US 322/ Route 40 eastbound towards Albany Avenue and the Atlantic City Boardwalk completing their run, finishing in front of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Exit #2 Eastbound on the Atlantic City Expressway is the exit point to US 322/Route 40. DelMoSports, LLC on behalf of Competitor Group Inc. has requested the Authority’s permission to temporarily close Exit #2 eastbound on the Atlantic City Expressway on Saturday, May 15th, 2022 from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Inaugural Rock ‘N’ Roll Half Marathon. The Rock ‘n’ Roll Atlantic City Half Marathon and 5K run will offer Atlantic City and its surroundings a healthful, non-gaming, family-friendly event. It is anticipated the Rock ‘n’ Roll Atlantic City Half Marathon and 5K events will have a significant economic impact to the City of Atlantic City and the surrounding region as this event is expecting up to 15,000 athletes running throughout the city on the May 14th, 2022 and May 15th, 2022 weekend. The Authority will be reimbursed by Competitor Group Inc. for documented Authority related expenses in connection with the event in the amount as estimated on the attached agreement entitled Exhibit “A”. The Executive Director of the Authority believes it is in the best interest of the Authority and the region as a whole, to approve the closing of Exit #2 on the Atlantic City Expressway Eastbound for participants of the Rock ‘n’ Roll Atlantic City Half Marathon event as requested.

Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked if there were any petitions or communications, unfinished or new business. Mr. Dougherty responded all petitions and communications were mailed prior to the meeting. We have no new business to discuss this morning.

General Comment

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti asked the public for any general comments. Whereas the Operator instructed the public to enter the queue for any public for General Comments. No comments were made.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti announced the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2022, via teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Vice Chairman Milam and seconded by Commissioner Bush to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia A. Blasberg, Board Secretary

Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.