# CERTIFICATION OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

I, James D. Carone, hereby certify that I am the Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and as such, certify that the attached copy of PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Meeting of the Authority.

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of the Minutes of the September	23, 2025 Meeting of the Authority.
IN WITNESS THEREO	OF, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the official seal of the Ne	w Jersey Turnpike Authority <b>this 23</b> rd
day of September, 2025.	
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Jennifer Kanski Secretary to the Authority	James D. Carone Executive Director
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TO:

Jennifer Kanski kanski@njta.com

FROM:

Kelley Trimble, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor

**DATE:** 

September 23, 2025

RE:

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority Minutes** 

This email is confirmation that the Authorities Unit received the minutes from the September 23, 2025, board meeting on September 23, 2025. The calculated veto date is October 7, 2025.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Jessica O'Connor

## PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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Chair O'Connor called the meeting of the Authority's Board of Commissioners (the Board) into session in the Executive Boardroom of the Authority's Headquarters Building at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey, at 9:03 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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#### **BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Present were Chair Francis O'Connor, Vice Chair Ulises Diaz, Treasurer Michael DuPont (absent), Commissioner Ronald Gravino (by tele-conference), Commissioner Raphael Salermo, Commissioner Francisco Maldonado and Commissioner John Wisniewski. The meeting commenced at 9:03 a.m.

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#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Executive Director James Carone, Deputy Executive Director Donna Wilser, Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein, Chief Information Officer Jose Dios, Director of Law Thomas Holl, Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity, Director of Operations Kevin Dunn, Deputy Director of Procurement and Materials Management Christine Noble, Deputy Director of Tolls George Petito, Deputy Director of Community and Government Relations Christopher D'Elia, Director of Internal Audit Amanda Felton, New Jersey State Police Major Sean O'Connor, Troop D and Secretary to the Authority Jennifer Kanski.

Also present were: Outside Counsel, Judy Verrone, Esq. of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Governors' Authorities Unit Representative Jessica O'Connor and Deputy DOT Commissioner Joseph Bertoni (by tele-conference).

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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

This is a regular meeting of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 in that notice has been given to The Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press, as well as numerous other newspapers, posted in the main lobby of the Authority's Administration Offices at 1 Turnpike Plaza, Woodbridge, prominently posted on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's website at <a href="https://www.njta.com">www.njta.com</a> and on various social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, and notice has been forwarded to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey. Additionally, Authority public meetings will be held in-person and telephonically. Information and instructions regarding telephonic access to the meetings by the public has been posted on the Authority's website.

## Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:

- 1. Vice Chair Diaz
- 2. Treasurer DuPont (absent)
- 3. Commissioner Gravino (by tele-conference)
- 4. Commissioner Salermo
- 5. Commissioner Maldonado
- 6. Commissioner Wisniewski
- 7. Chair O'Connor

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into Executive Session, not open to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Litigation
- Contract Negotiations
- Personnel Matters

The motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Salermo and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:22 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Wisniewski and seconded by Commissioner Salermo to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

## Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:

- 1. Vice Chair Diaz
- 2. Treasurer DuPont (absent)
- 3. Commissioner Gravino (by tele-conference)
- 4. Commissioner Salermo
- 5. Commissioner Maldonado
- 6. Commissioner Wisniewski
- 7. Chair O'Connor

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## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

The Secretary to the Authority reported that ten days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, have elapsed since Governor Philip D. Murphy received the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2025; he did not exercise his power to veto any items in those minutes.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Maldonado seconded by Commissioner Salermo the minutes of the meeting was approved.

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## **RECUSALS**

The Secretary to the Authority reported recusals or abstentions submitted for the record:

o Commissioner Maldonado is recused on Agenda Item Nos. 201, 213 and 214.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (in Person)** 

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#### **Ted Koch**

Mr. Koch, a resident of Middletown, inquired about who controls the entrance of Route 440 North to the Garden State Parkway as he stated his concerns of that area being a major congestion point in the evenings and discussed how the signs make it look like a merge when in fact it doesn't need to be a merge and Mr. Koch suggested painting lines so people would not stop or change lanes. Mr. Koch is asking for that area to be reexamined to help alleviate the back up on Route 440. Mr. Koch also spoke about how patrons use the righthand shoulder to approach and enter Exit 14C and people ignore the signs that state do not use the shoulder and asked if with all this modern technology, that area can be monitored and cars can be ticketed that ride the shoulder, similarly to toll violators. Mr. Koch lastly voiced his concerns over the monitoring of the HOV lanes and again inquired about monitoring these lanes with cameras and distributing tickets to the patrons who are not following the HOV lane rules.

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#### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair O' Connor explained there are no public laws that allow cameras to issue moving violations so we would need new legislature to address issues on the HOV and to issue tickets on route violations and Chair O'Connor explained there is a law specifically for the lanes that allows us to get a license plate when a patron violates on a toll.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (remote by tele-conference)

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None

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## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity requested approval of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-196. Moved is the item as follows:

## 2025-09-196

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity submitted the <u>Personnel Agenda</u>, dated September 23, 2025, and requested confirmation of the personnel matters contained therein. The Executive Director certified the recommendations for consideration.

## 2025-09-196

On motion by Commissioner Wisniewski and seconded by Commissioner Salermo employment of those named to serve at the pleasure of the Authority and other recommended personnel actions, were approved, ratified and confirmed, to become effective as of the dates specified and at the salaries listed.

## **ROLL CALL**

DIAZ DUPONT GRAVINO SALERMO MALDONADO WISNIEWSKI O'CONNOR
YES ABSENT YES YES YES YES

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#### LAW

Director of Law Thomas Holl requested approval of Agenda Item Nos. 2025-09-197 through 2025-09-200. Moved are the items as follows:

## 2025-09-197

In a memorandum dated September 5, 2025, <u>Authorization to Declare Surplus to the Authority's Needs and Authorize the Executive Director to Sell to the Adjacent Landowner Garden State Parkway MP 149.6, Section 3, Block 313, Lot 22, Approximate Area: 1,000 SF, 37 Race Street, <u>Bloomfield, Essex County,</u> was approved.</u>

The Authority seeks to declare surplus and convey the real property located at 37 Race Street, Bloomfield, Essex County, Garden State Parkway MP 149.6, Section 3, Block 313, Lot 22 (the "Property") to the adjacent landowners located at 33 Race Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey (Block 313, Lot 23). The owner of the adjoining property contacted the Authority expressing interest in purchasing the Property, which is a small triangular remnant of land originally purchased by the New Jersey Highway Authority ("NJHA") in 1953 as Parcel 2215. The remnant was created following the construction of a northbound service road (John F. Kennedy Drive). The Property was designated as "possible surplus" on the NJHA's 1953 right-of-way map. The Property is vacant, approximately 1,000 square feet in area, and serves no independent utility for development.

In accordance with the Authority's regulations for the sale of surplus property, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.6, the Law Department has circulated information regarding the Property to the Chief Engineer, the Director of Operations, the Chief Information Officer (ITS), and the Authority's Engineering Consultant, HNTB Corporation, for review. Each has reviewed information regarding the Property, and all have certified that the Authority does not require the Property and does not see any future use of the Property by the Authority. An Administrative Determination of Value has also been prepared for the property.

Accordingly, it is recommended that authorization be given to declare the Property surplus to the Authority's needs. It is further recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to take any steps necessary to sell the property to the adjacent landowner, in accordance with the Authority's regulations for the sale of surplus property, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.6, and the Authority's By-Laws. It is further recommended that the Authority's Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any other documents and take any other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

2025-09-198

In a memorandum dated September 5, 2025, <u>Authorization to Renew the Authority's Cyber Liability Insurance Program for One (1) Additional Year – October 15, 2025 – October 15, 2026, RM-196349, Budget Code: 010-00-822-121010, Amount: not to exceed \$1,552,278.00, was approved.</u>

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") maintains comprehensive cyber liability insurance with a \$1 million deductible, to protect itself from a myriad of cyber risks. This insurance provides the Authority with protection from theft and ransom of its electronic data and other cyber-related risks, including the following: (1) Media Wrongful Acts; (2) Privacy and Cyber Security; (3) Privacy Regulatory Defense, Awards and Fines; (4) Data Recovery Expenses; (5) Data Breach Response and Crisis Management Costs; (6) Cyber Extortion and Ransomware; and (7) Business Interruption and Dependent Business Interruption coverage (the "Program"). The Program was recently extended and now expires October 15, 2025.

Willis of New Jersey, Inc. ("Willis") the Authority's broker of record, was tasked with renewing the Program and seeking alternate quotations for higher limits. As in the past, the Authority met with prospective underwriters and outlined various upgrades to its security protocols and cyber protections, which were favorably received by the underwriters. Willis continues to market the Program and will provide firm quotations from the incumbent primary and excess carriers and any new carriers that may provide enhanced coverage at a more favorable price than the incumbent carriers. The total premium for coverage as outlined above will not exceed \$1,552,278 including all New Jersey mandatory taxes and surcharges, which represents a three percent (3%) reduction from last year's premium.

The Program has a number of pre-approved professional services that are available to insureds, including the Authority, in the event of a cyber incident. These services include law firms with extensive cyber security experience who will act as a breach coach in the event of a cyber incident. Such costs will be the obligation of the Authority to bear under its deductible. It is contemplated that, in the event of a breach, the services of a breach coach will be secured in the event one is needed by the Authority.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to renew the Program at an amount not to exceed \$1,552,278. It is also requested that the Executive Director be authorized to execute all documents and to take all further actions to effectuate the renewal and administration of the Program consistent with the intent of the recommendation.

#### 2025-09-199

In a memorandum dated August 22, 2025, <u>Authorization to Settle Formal Workers'</u>

<u>Compensation Matter – Robert Walker v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Budget Code: 10-870-405070, Amount: \$199,000.00,</u> was approved.

Petitioner Robert Walker is a Parkway Division Maintenance Person 1, hired in April 2012. This settlement request will resolve a formal Claim Petition filed in 2022.

The petitioner is represented by Matarazzo & Lubcher PC, located in Cherry Hill Township NJ. The Authority is defended by Special Counsel Neil Gallagher, Esq. of Dilworth Paxson LLP located in Freehold NJ. The matter is venued in the district office of Toms River Workers' Compensation Court before The Honorable Mary Casey.

The total settlement award is \$199,000.00.

The Law Department has reviewed this matter and agrees with the recommendation of the Special Counsel, the Authority's third-party workers' compensation administrator and the Authority's Benefits Manager. Authorization is, therefore, requested to allow Special Counsel to settle this matter for the sum of \$199,000.00.

This settlement will be payable under Account No. 10-870-405070.

<u>2025-09-200</u>

In a memorandum dated September 9, 2025, <u>Authorization to Settle Formal Workers'</u>

<u>Compensation Matter – Emilia Francisco v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Budget Code: 10-870-405070, Amount: \$329,666.40, was approved.</u>

Petitioner Emilia Francisco is a Parkway Division Maintenance Person 1, hired in March 2012. This settlement request will resolve a formal Claim Petition filed in 2020.

The petitioner is represented by Salzer & Salzer, LLC located in Toms River NJ. The Authority is defended by Special Counsel Michael Fleming, Esq. of Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Capuzzo, PC located in Secaucus NJ. The matter is venued in the district office of Toms River Workers' Compensation Court before The Honorable Salvatore Martino.

The total settlement award is \$329,666.40.

The Law Department has reviewed this matter and agrees with the recommendation of the Special Counsel, the Authority's third-party workers' compensation administrator and the Authority's Benefits Manager. Authorization is, therefore, requested to allow Special Counsel to settle this matter for the sum of \$329,666.40.

This settlement will be payable under Account No. 10-870-405070.

2025-09-197 2025-09-198 2025-09-199

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado, the Board unanimously approved Agenda Item Nos. 2025-09-197 through 2025-09-200 and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL** 

DIAZ DUPONT GRAVINO SALERMO MALDONADO WISNIEWSKI O'CONNOR YES ABSENT YES YES YES YES YES

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## **ENGINEERING**

Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein requested approval of item number 2025-09-201. Moved is the item as follows:

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## **PUBLIC BID SOLICITATIONS - AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

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#### 2025-09-201

In a document dated August 29, 2025, Recommendation to Award Contract No. P200.808, Garden State Parkway, Crisdel Group, Inc., Shoulder Erosion Improvements, Milepost 154 to 156, R-196314, Budget Code: 5000030003, Amount: \$7,056,650.00, was approved.

This contract will provide for improvements to the Parkway Southbound median from Milepost 154 to 156 in order to stabilize the pavement along the left shoulder and improve drainage. The work includes shoulder reconstruction, guide rail upgrades to current standards and drainage improvements. All work is to be substantially completed by April 2027.

Six bid proposals were received on August 21, 2025 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal, in the amount of \$7,056,650.00, may be compared to the second low bid proposal in the amount of \$7,454,383.83. Both bid proposals were lower than the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$8,923,186.00, which is likely due to the Contractor's means and methods to execute and construct the proposed improvements and their familiarity with the Authority's Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) requirements. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform the work at the bid prices. The low bidder, Crisdel Group, Inc. has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is therefore recommended that Contract No. P200.808 be awarded to the low bidder, Crisdel Group, Inc. of South Plainfield, New Jersey in the amount of \$7,056,650.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

#### 2025-09-201

On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board approved Agenda Item No. 2025-09-201; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

## **ROLL CALL**

DIAZ DUPONT GRAVINO SALERMO MALDONADO WISNIEWSKI O'CONNOR
YES ABSENT YES YES RECUSED YES YES

Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein requested approval of item numbers 2025-09-202 through 2025-09-212. Moved are the items as follows:

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## **ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (OPS)**

## 2025-09-202

In a document dated September 4, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services Nos. P4090, P4091, and P4233, Garden State Parkway, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (OPS No. P4090), PKB Engineering Corporation (OPS No. P4091), Hardesty & Hanover, LLC (OPS No. P4093), Order for Professional Services No. P4090, 2026 Inspection Services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program, Garden State Parkway - Group 2, R-196315, Budget Code: 010-850-445900, Funding Allocation: \$765,000.00 FY 2026, \$190,000.00 FY 2027, Amount: \$955,000.00 and Order for Professional Services No. P4091, 2026 Inspection Services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program, Garden State Parkway - Group 4, R-196316, Budget Code: 010-850-445900, Funding Allocation: \$795,000.00 FY 2026, \$200,000.00 FY 2027, Amount: \$995,000.00 and Order for Professional Services No. P4233, 2026 Inspection Services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program, Garden State Parkway - Group 6, R-196317, Budget Code: 010-850-445900, Funding Allocation: \$715,000.00 FY 2026, \$180,000.00 FY 2027, Amount: \$895,000.00, was approved.

Through this single procurement process, the Authority will select three consultants to furnish engineering services for bridge inspections on the Parkway.

The engineering services are for biennial inspections associated with: OPS No. P4090, 87 bridges located in the southern region of the Parkway; OPS No. P4091, 77 bridges located in the central/northern region of the Parkway; and OPS No. P4233, 83 bridges located in the northern region of the Parkway. The OPSs include FHWA Structure Inventory and Appraisal (SI&A) Form updates, FHWA National Bridge Element (NBE) Level Inspection updates, FHWA Element Level Inspection, data collection, and preparation of bridge inspection reports.

These assignments are classified as "Simple Procurements" since the scopes of work are clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost of each is less than \$6,000,000.00. The Solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was posted on the Authority's website and 33 engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: D280C, Bridges – NBIS Program, Complex. Twelve firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of August 6, 2025.

The scoring of the EOIs by the Review Committee resulted in the following order of ranking of the top three firms:1) PKB Engineering Corporation; 2) Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.; and 3) Hardesty & Hanover, LLC. These three firms were requested to submit sealed Fee Proposals, which were received and have been reviewed. A review of the fee proposals of the highest technically ranked firm, PKB Engineering Corporation, for OPS No. P4091, the second highest technically ranked firm,

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for OPS No. P4090, and the third highest technically ranked firm, Hardesty & Hanover, LLC for OPS No. P4233 (in accordance with the Solicitation for EOIs), they were negotiated and resulted in reductions in their fee proposals. All three fees are considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is therefore recommended that Order for Professional Services No. P4090 be issued to the firm of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., of Trenton, New Jersey, not to exceed the amount of \$955,000.00 allocated as follows: \$765,000.00 in FY 2026 and \$190,000.00 in FY 2027. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.80 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

It is further recommended that Order for Professional Services No. P4091 be issued to the firm of PKB Engineering Corporation, of Secaucus, New Jersey, not to exceed the amount of \$995,000.00 allocated as follows: \$795,000.00 in FY 2026 and \$200,000.00 in FY 2027. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.80 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

It is further recommended that Order for Professional Services No. P4233 be issued to the firm of Hardesty & Hanover, LLC, of Hoboken, New Jersey, not to exceed the amount of \$895,000.00 allocated as follows: \$715,000.00 in FY 2026 and \$180,000.00 in FY 2027. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.69 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firms were selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

#### 2025-09-203

In a document dated September 4, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. P4196, Garden State Parkway, Malick & Scherer, P.C., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. P200.808, Shoulder Erosion Improvements, Milepost 154 to 156, R-196318, Budget Code: 5000030003, Amount: \$1,145,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. P200.808, Shoulder Erosion Improvements, Milepost 154 to 156. These services include roadway construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Procurement" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$6,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was posted on the Authority's website and sixty-two (62) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: B153, Roadway Construction Inspection. Eight firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of July 8, 2025.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Malick & Scherer, P.C.; 2) M&J Engineering, P.C.; and 3) TechniQuest Corporation. The fee submitted by Malick & Scherer, P.C. has been reviewed, negotiated, and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is therefore recommended that Order for Professional Services No. P4196 be issued to the firm of Malick & Scherer, P.C. of Hampton, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,145,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.04 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-204

In a document dated September 4, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. A4203, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, GFT Infrastructure, Inc., Design Services for Contract No. A100.841, Installation of Scour Countermeasures for Various Turnpike and Parkway Bridges, R-196319, Budget Code: 5000000023, Amount: \$3,380,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide for design services and preparation of construction contract documents for installation of scour countermeasures to sixteen (16) structures on the Turnpike and Parkway.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Procurement" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$6,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was posted on the Authority's website and forty-nine (49) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: A090, Bridges: New and A091, Bridges, Widenings and Modifications. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of August 11, 2025.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) GFT Infrastructure, Inc.; 2) Hardesty & Hanover, LLC; and 3) Michael Baker International, Inc. The fee submitted by GFT Infrastructure, Inc. has been reviewed, negotiated, and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is therefore recommended that Order for Professional Services No. A4203 be issued to the firm of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. of East Brunswick, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$3,380,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.70 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was

selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-205

In a document dated September 4, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. T4252, New Jersey Turnpike, Mott MacDonald LLC, Environmental Compliance Services at the Richard Stockton Service Area 6S and the Woodrow Wilson Service Area 6N, R-196321, Budget Code: 010-00-850-446050, Funding Allocation: \$7,500.00 FY2025, \$226,250.00 FY2026, \$226,250.00 FY 2027, \$226,250.00 FY 2028, \$218,750.00 FY 2029, Amount: \$905,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide an environmental engineering Consultant to perform groundwater compliance monitoring, reporting, and required remedial investigations/remedial actions at the above-referenced service areas on the New Jersey Turnpike. All services will be performed in accordance with current New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations. The term of this OPS is 4 years.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Procurement" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$6,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was posted on the Authority's website and nineteen (19) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: C195, Soil and Groundwater Remediation Investigations; C196, Soil and Groundwater Remediation Design; and C197, Remediation Systems: Operation and Maintenance. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of July 17, 2025.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Mott MacDonald LLC; 2) CME Associates; and 3) APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC. The fee submitted by August 13, 2025 has been reviewed and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is therefore recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T4252 be issued to the firm of Mott MacDonald LLC of Iselin, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$905,000.00 which is allocated as follows: \$7,500.00 for FY 2025; \$226,250.00 for FY 2026; \$226,250.00 for FY 2027; \$226,250.00 for FY 2028; and \$218,750.00 for FY 2029. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.76 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-206

In a document dated September 4, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. A4258, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, Mott MacDonald LLC, Underground and Aboveground Storage Tank, Oil Water Separator Compliance, Maintenance and Testing, R-196322, Budget Code: 010-00-850-446050, Funding Allocation: \$125,000.00 FY 2025, \$346,250.00 FY 2026, \$346,250.00 FY 2027, \$346,250.00 FY 2028, \$221,250.00 FY 2029, Amount: \$1,385,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide professional services of an environmental engineering Consultant to provide underground and aboveground storage tank, oil water separator compliance, maintenance, and testing services in accordance with current New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations. The varied levels of these services will be completed at the Authority's Maintenance Districts, Toll Plazas, and State Police facilities along the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway roadways. The term of this OPS is 4 years.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Procurement" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$6,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was posted on the Authority's website and twenty-one (21) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: C197, Remediation Systems: Operation & Maintenance. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of July 21, 2025.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Mott MacDonald LLC; 2) CME Associates; and 3) LiRo Engineers, Inc. The fee submitted by Mott MacDonald LLC has been reviewed and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is therefore recommended that Order for Professional Services No. A4258 be issued to the firm of Mott MacDonald LLC of Iselin, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,385,000.00 which is allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for FY 2025; \$346,250.00 for FY 2026; \$346,250.00 for FY 2027; \$346,250.00 for FY 2028; and \$221,250.00 for FY 2029. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.76 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

#### 2025-09-207

In a document dated September 3, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. T3668, New Jersey Turnpike, Arora and Associates, P.C., 2019 New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program, New Jersey Turnpike – Group 2, Milepost 67

to 99, R-196323, Budget Code: 5000000005, Original OPS Amount: \$1,275,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: \$5,300,000.00, Amount of Supplement B: \$200,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$6,775,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the November 20, 2018 Commission Meeting, in the amount of \$1,275,000.00. This OPS provides engineering services for bridge inspections on the Turnpike, which includes inspection of 194 bridges located between Interchange 8 and Interchange 13. It also includes FHWA Structure Inventory and Appraisal (SI&A) form updates, FHWA Element Level Inspection data collection, and preparation of bridge inspection reports.

Supplement A was issued at the August 25, 2020 Commission Meeting in the amount of \$5,300,000.00. It provided for accelerated design services for bridge inspection, condition evaluation, development of construction documents and post-design construction support services for deck and superstructure rehabilitation of four structures from Milepost 85.77 to 87.1 on the Turnpike. The services include the rehabilitation of structural steel members and bearings, and repairs to substructure units.

Supplement B will provide for unanticipated design services for the replacement of median barrier, resurfacing and deck repairs to Structure No. 87.27N, and pier concrete repairs to Structure Nos. 84.94 and 86.59. The services include structural inspection, contract plan preparation, and post-design services.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. T3668 be issued to Arora and Associates, P.C., not to exceed the amount of \$200,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$6,575,000.00 to \$6,775,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-208

In a document dated September 2, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. T3736, New Jersey Turnpike, Dewberry Engineers Inc., Design Services for Contract No. T100.523, Rehabilitation of New Jersey Turnpike Passaic and Raritan River Bridges, Structure Nos. W107.87, E107.88 and 84.24, R-196324, Budget Code: 5000000003, Original OPS Amount: \$3,253,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: \$4,700,000.00, Amount of Supplement B: \$740,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$8,693,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the November 19, 2019 Commission Meeting, in the amount of \$3,253,000.00. This OPS provides for final design services of steel superstructure repairs on Structure No. W107.87, Laderman Memorial Passaic River Bridge, Structure No. E107.88, Chaplain Washington Memorial Passaic River Bridge, and Structure No. 84.24, Basilone Memorial Raritan River Bridge. The services include detailed inspections, load ratings, final design, preparation of construction contract documents, post-design services, and other related incidental work.

Supplement A was issued at the August 25, 2020 Commission Meeting in the amount of \$4,700,000.00. It provided for accelerated design services for bridge inspection, condition evaluation,

development of construction documents and post-design construction support services for the deck reconstruction of Str. No. 84.24 and Str. No. 84.55N.

Supplement B will provide for unanticipated design services for the preparation of as-inspected load ratings; repair of the slope failure at Structure No. 84.24S; preparation of plans and permits to create a permanent contractor staging area adjacent to Turnpike Interchange 10; design of additional structural steel repairs; and additional post-design services.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. T3736 be issued to Dewberry Engineers Inc., not to exceed the amount of \$740,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$7,953,000.00 to \$8,693,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-209

In a document dated August 29, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3834, New Jersey Turnpike, WSP USA Inc., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T100.586, Bridge Superstructure and Median Barrier Reconstruction, Milepost 74.3 to 76.5, R-196403, Budget Code: 5000000004, Original OPS Amount: \$5,200,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: \$145,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$5,345,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the July 27, 2021 Commission Meeting, in the amount of \$5,200,000.00. This OPS provides supervision of construction services for Contract No. T100.586, Bridge Superstructure and Median Barrier Reconstruction, Milepost 74.3 to 76.5. These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

Supplement A will provide for supervision of construction services resulting from unanticipated contract modifications, which require additional field coverage and other related tasks.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3834 be issued to WSP USA Inc., not to exceed the amount of \$145,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$5,200,000.00 to \$5,345,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-210

In a document dated September 3, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3972, New Jersey Turnpike, Michael Baker International, Inc., Design Services for Contract No. T100.658, Superstructure Replacement, Turnpike Str. No. E111.15, R-

## 196325, Budget Code: 5000000017, Original OPS Amount: \$10,135,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: \$1,750,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$11,885,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the August 29, 2023 Commission Meeting, in the amount of \$10,135,000.00. This OPS provides preliminary and final design services and preparation of construction contract documents for superstructure and bearing replacement, substructure rehabilitation and miscellaneous repairs to viaduct Str. No. E111.15 on the Turnpike Eastern Extension over Norfolk Southern Railroad, Seaview Drive, County Route 653, access roads, and the Milepost 111 U-turn.

Supplement A will provide for unanticipated design services for various tasks including additional resurfacing; roadway lighting improvements; full-depth shoulder reconstruction; operational improvements at the Alexander Hamilton Service Area; environmental permitting; surveys; subsurface investigations; and additional post-design services.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement A to Order for Professional Services No. T3972 be issued to Michael Baker International, Inc., not to exceed the amount of \$1,750,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$10,135,000.00 to \$11,885,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

## 2025-09-211

In a document dated August 29, 2025, Recommendation to Issue Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. P4208, Garden State Parkway, Michael Baker International, Inc., Design Services for Contract No. P200.828, Drainage Repairs, Milepost 120.6 to 123.6, R-196404, Budget Code: 5000010013, Original OPS Amount: \$1,990,000.00, Amount of Supplement A \$490,000.00, Amount of Supplement B: \$973,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$3,453,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the November 19, 2024 Commission Meeting in the amount of \$1,990,000.00. It provided for final design services for the final design engineering and environmental permitting services, as necessary, to repair stormwater collection infrastructure less than 60" diameter and other drainage appurtenances on the Garden State Parkway (Parkway) from Milepost 120.6 to 123.6. The work includes needed drainage repairs developed using the findings from Contract No. P200.626, the associated priority ranking and engineering judgement to recommend and prioritize these repairs, and other related work.

Supplement A was issued at the March 25, 2025 Commission Meeting in the amount of \$490,000.00. It provided for unanticipated design services which related to additional drainage cleaning and inspections on the Garden State Parkway.

Supplement B will provide for additional design and post-design services at 13 adjacent locations to execute inclement weather-related flooding and stormwater facility repairs and improvements. These

services include field investigation, grading and drainage evaluation, geotechnical borings, permitting, and other ancillary related services.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. T4208 be issued to Michael Baker International, Inc., not to exceed the amount of \$973,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$2,480,000.00 to \$3,453,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

2025-09-202 2025-09-204 2025-09-205 2025-09-206 2025-09-207 2025-09-208 2025-09-209 2025-09-210 2025-09-211

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado, the Board approved Agenda Item Nos. 2025-09-202 through 202-09-211; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

### **ROLL CALL**

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	SALERMO	MALDONADO	WISNIEWSKI	O'CONNOR
YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Chief Engineer Daniel Hesslein requested approval of item numbers 2025-09-212 and 2025-09-213 moved is the item as follows:

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## FINAL ACCEPTANCES

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## 2025-09-212

In a document dated September 3, 2025, All work performed on each of the construction contracts listed below have been completed in accordance with the contract documents and to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department. Accordingly, it is recommended that these contracts be deemed complete and approved for Final Acceptance. The table below lists each contract and includes pertinent Change Order and financial information including the final payment amount due the Contractor upon Final Acceptance, was approved.

Contract No.	Contractor	Award Total Amount	No. of Change Orders	Additions/ Reductions	Final Total Contract Amount	Final Payment Amount
P100.602 (Engineering)	Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc.	\$11,143,787.00	4	(\$391,256.13)	\$10,752,530.87	\$296,619.02
P200.606 (Engineering)	Carbro Constructors Corp.	\$17,717,305.70	4	\$331,311.64	\$18,048,617.34	\$181,549.97
T200.713 (Operations)	Earle Asphalt Company	\$26,815,513.13	1	(\$3,536,207.66)	\$23,279,305.47	\$489,989.26
A200.784 (Engineering)	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc	\$2,774,130.00	2	(\$384,205.14)	\$2,389,924.86	\$210,440.13
A500.783 (Operations)	HBC Company Inc	\$1,490,200.00	2	(\$36,095.88)	\$1,454,104.12	\$75,397.00
Total						\$1,253,995.38

The Certification and Recommendation for Final Acceptance has been executed by the Engineers, the General Consultant and the Chief Engineer. All required contract documents including the Engineer's Final Certifications, Maintenance Bonds, Affidavit of Prevailing Wage and the Final Payment certificates have been submitted to the Law Department and approved as to correctness of form. Furthermore, the Contractors have certified that there are no liens outstanding against the Contractors. Accordingly, it is recommended that each contract listed above be accepted and final payment in the amounts shown above be made to the Contractors.

## 2025-09-212

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board approved Agenda Item No. 2025-09-212; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

## **ROLL CALL**

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	SALERMO	MALDONADO	WISNIEWSKI	O'CONNOR
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YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	RECUSED	YFS	YES

## ACKNOWLEDGE REPORTS OF ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

## 2025-09-213

The Board acknowledges the reports of Engineering Expenditures Under Delegated Authority as indicated below:

- Construction Contract Progress Summary
- Change Order Summary
- Utility Order Report

## 2025-09-213

The Authority accepted the reports contained in agenda item number 2025-09-213 and received same for file.

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## PROCUREMENT AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ("PMM")

Deputy Director of PMM Christine Noble requested approval of Agenda Item Nos. 2025-09-214 through 2025-09-218 and 2025-09-220 through 2025-09-223. Moved are the items as follows:

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## **PUBLIC BIDS**

## <u> 2025-09-214</u>

In a document dated September 3, 2025, <u>International OEM Parts, Repairs and Diagnostic Service, Ascendance Truck Centers of PA, LLC, AT Northern New Jersey, LLC, RM-195379 (Inventory/ Operations), Budget Code: Various, Amount: \$2,750,000.00 (2-Year Contract), was approved.</u>

Under these contracts, Ascendance Truck Centers of PA, LLC and AT Northern New Jersey, LLC will supply International OEM truck parts for Inventory as well as the Operations Department for use on both Roadways. The contracts also include diagnostic and repair services. Bidders were required to quote a percentage discount off the manufacturer's list prices, and an hourly rate for diagnostic and repair services. The bid was divided into three geographic areas: 1) Turnpike Northern Division (Milepost 104.7); 2) Central Turnpike (Milepost 67.6), Parkway (Milepost 116) and Central Inventory Facility (Woodbridge); and 3) Turnpike Southern Division (Milepost 37.3). Bidders could bid on any or all areas, however bidders' repair facilities must be located within 100 miles of each area. The award is based on the highest discount off the manufacturer's list price catalog for parts. The bid was fully advertised and the four (4) vendors listed in the Authority's database for the referenced commodity were notified of the procurement. On August 18, 2025, two (2) bids were received as follows:

		Discount Bio	1
<u>Vendor</u>	Area A	Area B	<u>Area C</u>
AT Northern New Jersey LLC, Linden, NJ	44.1%	44.1%	No Bid
Ascendence Truck Centers of PA LLC, Philadelphia, PA	No Bid	44%	44%

Bids for these contracts were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award these fair and open contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.13, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract for Areas A and B to AT Northern New Jersey LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$2,350,000.00 and to Ascendance Truck Centers of PA LLC for Area C, for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, both subject to funding availability at the time of ordering.

Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve each of the two, optional one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance by the vendor. Lastly, authorization is also requested to permit the redistribution of the above amounts to the individual contracts within the total authorized amount if necessary, during the contract term.

## 2025-09-215

In a document dated September 3, 2025, Service, Repair and Preventative Maintenance of Security Gates Along Both Roadways, PSX, Inc., RM-195344 (Internal Audit), Budget Code: 010 00 811 466010, Amount: \$119,500.00 (1-Year Contract), was approved.

Under this contract, PSX, Inc. will provide for the service, repair and preventative maintenance, including parts, for all existing and new security gates at various locations along both Roadways. The types of gates consist of access-controlled slide, manual slide or manual swing gates. Bidders were required to bid hourly rates for normal and emergency repairs as well as a "flat fee" per gate style for preventative maintenance inspections. The bid was fully advertised and the ten (10) vendors listed in the Authority's database for the referenced service were notified of the procurement. On August 25, 2025, a sole bid was received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	Normal Rate	Emergency Rate	PM Flat Fee	Total Bid
	(450 hours)	(25 Hours)	(80 Gates)	Price
PSX Inc., Kennett Square, PA	\$175.00/hr.	\$350.00/hr.	\$400.00	\$119,500.00

Departmental Estimate: \$102,000.00.

Bids for these contracts were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award these fair and open contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.13, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract for maintenance and repair of Authority security gates to PSX, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$119,500.00, subject to availability of funding at the time of service. Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve each of the two, one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance by the contractor.

## 2025-09-216

In a document dated September 3, 2025, <u>Snow Removal and Salting Services 2025 – 2028, L & Y Enterprises LLC, RM-195827 (Operations), Budget Code: 010 01 900 461020, 010 02 900 461020, Amount: \$758,400.00 (3-Year Contracts), was approved.</u>

Under this contract, L & Y Enterprises LLC will provide snow removal and salting services for one location on the New Jersey Turnpike. The contract will be for three (3) years with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms. Contract bid for this term consists of one (1) plow and/or spreader contract for MM60.05 to MM73.3 Outer-TMD4. Bidders were required to bid all-inclusive "Regular" operating hourly rates for specific equipment required. Stand-by rates for trucks with plows were set at 50% of the hourly operating rate as bid. The bid also established fixed rates for supervisory and/or back-up vehicles at \$230 per hour (for both Regular and Stand-by hours). The bid was fully advertised, and 21 vendors were notified of the procurement. On August 29, 2025, three (3) compliant bids were received.

## Non-Compliance

An additional bid was submitted by Encalada Trucking LLC of Wharton, NJ. This bidder, however, failed to provide a valid form of Bid Security at the time of bid submittal, as required in the specifications. Section 1.2 of the RFB specifications states that a "Bid Bond, Letter of Surety or Cashier's

Check for 10% of the amount Bid" is a mandatory requirement, and failure to submit one will result in bid rejection. Thus, it is recommended that the bid submitted by Encalada Trucking LLC. be rejected.

Procurement and Materials Management ("PMM") and Operations staff thoroughly reviewed all bids and recommend the following contract for snow removal and salting services be awarded to:

## **NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE LOCATION**

Contract PTS-4A-25 Location / Area Limits MM 60.05 TO MM 73.3 OUTER – TMD4 Estimated Annual Contract Value \$252,800				
All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow & Spreader Truck:  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow Truck Only: All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow Truck Only: Combine				
L&Y Enterprises, LLC Paterson, NJ	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	
Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel, In Egg Harbor Township, NJ	\$575.00	\$574.00	\$1,149.00	
Sil-Kemp Concrete, Inc. T/A Silvi of Englishtown Fairless Hills, PA	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$1,150.00	

Bids for this contract were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.13, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award one (1) contract to one (1) vendor for snow removal and salting services as outlined herein, for a total amount not to exceed \$758,400.00 for the three (3) snow seasons, subject to funding availability at the time of service. Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve each of the two (2), one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance by the vendors. The prices for the succeeding years of the contract will be adjusted yearly based on a Consumer Price Index ("CPI") factor consisting of the average of 1) the New York/ Northern New Jersey CPI and 2) the Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey CPI. The maximum annual increase permitted shall be five percent.

## 2025-09-217

In a document dated September 4, 2025, <u>2025-2028 Snow Removal at various locations on the Garden State Parkway (Negotiated/Ratification)</u>, New Prince Concrete Construction Company, Inc., Sil-Kemp Concrete, Inc. T/A Silvi, RM-194172 (Operations), Budget Code: 010 01 900 461010, <u>010 02 900 461020</u>, Amount: \$364,800.00 (3-Year Contracts), was approved.

Under these contracts, New Prince Concrete Construction Company, Inc. and Sil-Kemp Concrete, Inc. T/A Silvi will provide snow removal at four (4) locations on the Garden State Parkway. The contracts will be for three (3) years with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms. At the June 24, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Authority awarded contracts to five (5) bidders for 23 of the 28 locations. On July 1, 2025, the Authority rebid for the same services for the five (5) remaining locations and no bids were received.

At the July 22, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting and in accordance with the public bid laws, authorization was granted to negotiate any outstanding contracts for the current winter season. These represent those areas in which no bid proposals were received after two public bid solicitations, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1(a) and N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(6). The authorization also stated that the contracts would be awarded immediately following the negotiations and upon the contractors' compliance with legal and administrative terms, then ratified at a proceeding meeting. Staff from the Procurement and Materials Management Department contacted several available contractors and successfully negotiated contracts for four (4) of the five (5) remaining locations. The last remaining location (LPP-103-25) will be serviced by area floaters.

## COMMUTER PARK & RIDE LOTS, SERVICE AREAS, STMC AND NJSP FACILITIES

Contract LPCL-116-25 Location / Area Limits 116 COMMUTER PARK & RIDE LOTS MM 115.8S -HOLMDEL – PMD5				
Estimated Annual Contract Value \$35,200  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow Contractor  Estimated Annual Contract Value \$35,200  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Operating Rate (1) Loader Only:  All-Inclusive Hourly Rates Combined:				
New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. Hackensack, NJ	N/A	\$385.00	N/A	

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	Contract LPSP-116-25				
Location / A	Area Limits HOLMDEL STATION	ON – GSP MM 115.8S –	PMD5		
	Estimated Annual Contract	t Value \$17,600			
	All-Inclusive Hourly	All-Inclusive Hourly	All-Inclusive Hourly Rates		
·	Operating Rate (1) Plow	Operating Rate (1)	Combined:		
Contractor	& Spreader Truck:	<u>Loader Only:</u>	<u> </u>		
New Prince Concrete Construction					
Co., Inc.	N/A	\$385.00	N/A		
Hackensack, NJ			·		

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Contractor	All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow & Spreader Truck:	All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Loader Only:	All-Inclusive Hourly Rates Combined:
New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. Hackensack, NJ	N/A	\$385.00	N/A

Contract LPP-98-25 Location / Area Limits TOLL PLAZA INTERCHANGE 98 – BELMAR TOLLS – PMD4 Estimated Annual Contract Value \$51,200				
All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow Contractor  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1)  Spreader Truck: Loader Only:  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Combined:				
Sil-Kemp Concrete, Inc. T/A Silvi of Englishtown Fairless Hills, PA	N/A	\$800.00	N/A	

Contract LPP-103-25 Location / Area Limits TOLL PLAZA ASBURY TOLL PLAZA MM 103.6N – PMD4 Estimated Annual Contract Value \$108,800						
All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Plow Contractor  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Loader Only:  All-Inclusive Hourly Operating Rate (1) Loader Only:						
NO BID						

Bids for these contracts were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award these fair and open contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.13, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award four (4) contracts to two (2) vendors for snow removal and salting services as outlined herein, for a total amount not to exceed \$364,800.00 for the three (3) snow seasons, subject to funding availability at the time of service. Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve each of the two (2), one-year extensions upon

satisfactory performance by the vendors. The prices for the succeeding years of the contract will be adjusted yearly based on a Consumer Price Index ("CPI") factor consisting of the average of 1) the New York/ Northern New Jersey CPI and 2) the Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey CPI. The maximum annual increase permitted shall be five percent.

## 2025-09-218

In a document dated September 16, 2025, <u>State Contract Modifications,</u> was approved.

At a prior Board of Commissioners meeting, the Authority approved a purchase (up to a maximum authorized dollar amount) from the vendors listed herein under the New Jersey State contracts referenced below. The terms of the referenced State contracts have since been extended and additional funds are needed to purchase these necessary goods and/or services through the extended terms of the State contracts.

The original procurement, under the State contracts, were in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, given that the period of time during which the Authority may make additional purchases under the referenced State Contract was extended through the new expiration dates of these contracts, approval is hereby requested to increase the Authority's current authorized amount to the new authorized amount stated in the attached chart, subject to funding availability at the time of order.

Description / Original Agenda Item or Award Date and Req #	Vendor Name	Requisition Number	NJTA Contract No.	NJ State Contract No. Expiration	Current Authorized Amount	New Authorized Amount	Requested Increase Amount
Specialty Welding Gases and Accessories for Both Roadways RM-174389	Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	RM-196313 Operations	3450	T0081/86430 expiring 09/30/2028	\$90,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$90,000.00
Parts and Repairs for Lawn and Grounds Equipment RM-165078 186-07-2023	Central Jersey Equipment LLC	RM-196135 Operations	2995	43037/T2187 expiring 02/16/2026	\$225,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$75,000.00
TOTAL							\$165,000.00

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## **STATE/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

2025-09-219

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2025-09-220

In a document dated September 3, 2025, <u>UKG Workforce Dimensions 2025, Immix Technology, Inc., R-196010 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 010 00 830 121020, State Contract No. GS-35F-0265X expiring 03/02/2026, Amount: \$112,428.00, was approved.</u>

Under this contract, Immix Technology, Inc. will supply the Authority with UKG Workforce Dimensions software. UKG Workforce Dimensions is used by the Human Resources department to manage external job postings. This software will also allow Human Resources to gather resumes, personal information, and other necessary information to manage the application process for external candidates.

This procurement, under the General Services Administration ("GSA")/Federal IT Schedule 84, Contract No. GS-35F-0265X, is in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.2(d) 3 promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation, *N.J.A.C.* 17:12-1A.5, promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 52:34-6.3 and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permit the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the federal government.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract for UKG Workforce Dimensions 2025 under GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0265X to Immix Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$112,428.00.

2025-09-221

In a document dated September 11, 2025, <u>Dell Capital Projects 2025, Dell Marketing, LP, RM-196139 (Information Technology Services)</u>, <u>Budget Code: Various, State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883 expiring 06/30/2026, Amount: \$1,800,000.00</u>, was approved.

Under this contract, Dell Marketing, LP will provide the Authority with Dell manufactured computer hardware and storage units. This contract will include servers and related storage hardware to complete ongoing and new projects in 2025. These projects support the Authority's data protection infrastructure, software deployment efforts, hardware for virtualization services, and the expansion of video storage.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883, is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M0483/24-TELE-71883 to Dell Marketing, LP for Dell Capital Projects 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00.

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<u>2025-09-222</u>

In a document dated September 11, 2025, <u>Parts, Maintenance and Support for Variable</u>

<u>Message Signs, Daktronics, Inc., RM-196134 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code:</u>

<u>010 00 830 466010, Amount: \$1,150,000.00, was approved.</u>

Under this contract, Daktronics, Inc. will supply the Authority with a service contract for the 542 Variable Message Signs ("VMS") installed on both Roadways. This agreement will provide part replacement with expedited shipping, repair and return parts service, and 24/7 technical support for all VMS deployed across both Roadways. The contract term will be for three (3) years, from 10/12/2025 to 10/11/2028, for an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.00.

Thus, it is recommended that this award be made without public advertisement under the sole source procurement authorization of *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.2(d)1 as promulgated under *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-6.1 and consistent with Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006). A resolution, as required by *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.2(d)1, is attached hereto.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a sole source contract to Daktronics, Inc. to provide parts, maintenance and support for three (3) years, for an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.00.

#### RESOLUTION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Parts, Maintenance and Support for Variable Message Signs

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Information Technology Services Department has requested a contract to provide parts, maintenance and support for the variable message sign ("VMS") display system; and

**WHEREAS,** Daktronics, Inc. is the sole manufacturer of the VMS display units on the Authority's Roadways, and

WHEREAS, as the proprietary manufacturer of the VMS display units, Daktronics, Inc. is the sole provider of parts, technology, maintenance and support of the Authority's VMS display equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority's regulations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2(d)1 promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 permits sole source procurement when only one source for the required product exists;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Authority's Commissioners hereby authorize and approve the award of a three-year contract to Daktronics, Inc. to provide the necessary parts, maintenance and support for the VMS display system, in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.00, as a sole source exception to procurement by public advertisement permitted by *N.J.A.C.* 19:9-2.2(d)1 promulgated under the Authority's enabling legislation, *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-6.1.

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## **EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT**

2025-09-223

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In a document dated September 19, 2025, <u>Authorization to Retroactively Ratify the Authority's Decision to Waive the Requirement of Public Bidding and Approve Emergency Procurements for Armored Car, Banking and Money Counting Services, was approved.</u>

Rapid Armored Corporation ("Rapid") is contracted by the Authority to provide armored car, banking, and/or money counting services at ten (10) Garden State Parkway toll locations and twenty-eight (28) toll locations on the New Jersey Turnpike (the "Services"). On Friday, September 12, 2025, at

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1:07 p.m., Rapid provided notice to its clients, including the Authority, via e-mail that it was permanently ceasing its pickup and delivery services at the end of the day and suggested that all clients perform online searches to secure alternative Services vendors.

The Services, which include the collection, storage, secure transport and counting of cash toll deposits, are vital and essential components of Authority operations. Rapid's abrupt and unforeseen cessation of the Services resulted in an exigent operational situation that does not allow sufficient time to advertise and award bids for the Services, thus requiring the Authority to immediately undertake emergency action to promptly engage replacement Services pending completion of a competitive procurement for a replacement contractor(s). The Authority's regulations at N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(2) expressly authorize the Authority to waive public bidding requirements for the procurement of services in exigent circumstances by appropriate resolution, acting on the written recommendation of the Director of Procurement and Materials Management, provided that such emergency requirements be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances.

Consistent with the Authority's regulations, the Authority sought competitive quotations from several vendors engaged in the armored car and/or money counting and banking services industries, including IBI Armored Services, Secure Cash, LLC, Loomis Armored Services, Garda World Security, Wells Fargo Bank and the Brinks Company, among others. In seeking these competitive quotations, the Authority expressed the emergent nature of the services required and requested the most efficient and cost-effective terms available. The responsive vendors quoted prices for an annual term.

The quotations received, for armored car services only, for a one-year term were as follows:

- Garda World Security in the amount of \$2,468,970.00 for services seven (7) days per week
- IBI Armored Services in the amount of \$3,277,840.00 for services seven (7) days per week
- Brinks Company, which provided a table of prices but indicated that it could not provide services seven (7) days per week

Garda World Services, which provided the lowest quote that satisfied the Authority's needs for services seven (7) days per week, offered an armored car services agreement for a term in full force and effect from September 18, 2025, until September 18, 2026. The terms of that agreement permit the Authority to terminate the armored car services agreement after one hundred twenty (120) days from the contract date by providing thirty (30) days' notice prior to the effective date of termination.

Wells Fargo Bank, a well-known and reputable financial services company, was the only responsive vendor that provided a price quotation for money counting services. No new contract was required for banking services from Wells Fargo Bank since the Authority already has an existing Wells Fargo banking account which could be utilized for toll deposits. Accordingly, for purposes of adding money counting services to the Authority's existing account, Wells Fargo Bank submitted a price quotation for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$1,197,382.20. Given that Wells Fargo Bank currently provides banking services to the Authority, it would not require any lead time to become familiar

with the Authority's operational needs, including money counting. According to the Master Agreement governing the accounts, the services may be terminated upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice.

Upon review of the quotations received, the Authority awarded an emergency contract to Garda World Services, a prominent international security solutions company, who provided the lowest quotation for armored car services. Additionally, in light of the exigent circumstances, the Authority added money counting services to the Authority's existing agreement with Wells Fargo Bank.

Given the exigency of this matter, the Director of Procurement and Materials Management requests that the Board of Commissioners retroactively ratify the Authority's decision to waive the requirement of public bidding and approve the emergency engagement of Garda World Services and Wells Fargo Bank for the respective Services, as set forth herein, and in the attached Resolution, until the Authority can reprocure the Services through a competitive bidding process.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO UNANTICIPATED CESSATION OF ARMORED CAR, BANKING AND MONEY COUNTING SERVICES BY AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR AND WAIVING REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO ENGAGE REPLACEMENT SERVICES CONTRACTORS PENDING REPROCUREMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(2), upon the written recommendation of the Director of Procurement and Materials Management ("PMM") an emergency may be declared, which would permit the waiving of the requirement of public bidding for required services that promote the health, welfare or safety of the public or property; and

WHEREAS, the Director of PMM has provided a memorandum advising that on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 1:07 p.m., the Authority's armored car, banking and money counting services (the "Services") contractor, Rapid Armored Corporation, notified its clients, including the Authority, via email that it was permanently ceasing its pickup and delivery services at the end of the day and suggested that all clients perform online searches to secure alternative Service vendors; and

**WHEREAS,** these Services are critical to the Authority's operations, providing armored car cash pickups on a daily basis at various toll locations on the Turnpike and Parkway, along with banking and money counting services; and

**WHEREAS,** in response to Rapid's notice ceasing provision of the Services as of the close of business on September 12, 2025, PMM sought competitive price quotations from several vendors engaged in the armored car, money counting and banking services industries; and

**WHEREAS,** Garda World Security ("Garda"), a prominent international security solutions company, provided the lowest and most competitive price quotation for armored car services only in an amount not to exceed \$2,468,970.00; and

**WHEREAS,** Wells Fargo Bank ("Wells Fargo"), a well-known and reputable financial services company with whom the Authority has an existing contract for banking services, was the only responsive vendor that provided a price quotation for essential banking and money counting services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,197,382.20; and

**WHEREAS,** upon review of the quotations received, the Authority awarded an emergency contract to Garda World Services, a prominent international security solutions company, who provided the lowest quotation for armored car services, and added banking and money counting services to the Authority's existing agreement with Wells Fargo Bank,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** by the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority that:

- 1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth at length; and
- 2. The circumstances presented hereinabove constitute an emergency in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(2) affecting the Authority's operations and that waiver of public bidding under the circumstances is justified and appropriate; and
- 3. The Board hereby authorizes, approves and retroactively ratifies the award of an emergency contract to Garda to provide armored car services in an amount not to exceed \$2,468,970.00, and the inclusion of additional money counting services to the Authority's existing agreement with Wells Fargo to

provide banking and/or money counting services in an amount not to exceed \$1,197,382.20 without public advertisement as permitted by <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:9-2.2(d)(2) promulgated under the Authority's enabling legislation, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 27:23-6.1.

2025-09-215 2025-09-216 2025-09-217 2025-09-218 2025-09-220 2025-09-221 2025-09-222 2025-09-223

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Salermo the Board unanimously approved item numbers 2025-09-214 through 2025-09-218 and 2025-09-220 through 2025-09-223; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

## **ROLL CALL**

DIAZ DUPONT GRAVINO SALERMO MALDONADO WISNIEWSKI O'CONNOR YES ABSENT YES YES YES YES YES

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

## **OPERATIONS**

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-224. Moved is the item as follows:

## 2025-09-224

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of <u>Volumes and Crash Synopses</u> for the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike: Period 01/01/2025 through 8/31/2025; with 2024-2025 Yearly Comparisons through August 2025, was approved.

## 2025-09-224

On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado, the Board unanimously accepted Agenda Item No. 2025-09-224; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested approval of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-225. Moved is the item as follows:

### 2025-09-225

In a document dated September 11, 2025, <u>I-95 Corridor Coalition 3 Year Membership</u>

Agreement, Authorization to pay membership fees to the I-95 Corridor Coalition for 3 years in accordance with the I-95 Corridor Coalition Procedural Guidelines, University of Maryland Center

## for Advanced Transportation Technology, RM - 196052, Budget Code: 010 00 710 447060, Amount: \$429,000.00 (\$143,000.00 per year for 3 years), was approved.

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is an alliance of transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including public safety, from the State of Maine to the State of Florida, with affiliate members in Canada. The Coalition provides a forum for key decision and policy makers to address transportation management and operations issues of common interest. This consensus-driven organization enables its myriad state, local, and regional member agencies to work together to improve transportation system performance far more than they could working individually. The Coalition has successfully served as a model for multi-state/jurisdictional interagency cooperation and coordination for over a decade.

The Authority is a member of the I-95 Corridor Coalition and members are required to pay annual membership fees.

Accordingly, the Operations Department seeks authorization for the payment of membership dues and a special project commitment to the I-95 Corridor Coalition for three (3) years in the amount of \$429,000.00, or \$143,000 per year. The three-year period will be from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. The Authority will pay its membership dues and commitments on a yearly basis – July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027 – in the amount of \$143,000.00 a year. The first annual payment is due retroactive to July 1, 2025.

On motion by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado the Board unanimously approved item number 2025-09-225; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

## **ROLL CALL**

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YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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## STATE POLICE

Major Sean O'Connor requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-226. Moved is the item as follows:

## <u>2025-09-226</u>

Major Sean O'Connor requested acceptance of the <u>New Jersey State Police Troop D Activity</u>

<u>Reports</u> for August 2025, with 2024–2025 Yearly Comparisons.

### <u>2025-09-226</u>

On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Wisniewski, the Board unanimously accepted the reports contained in Agenda Item No. 2025-09-226 and received same for file.

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#### **FINANCE**

Executive Director James Carone requested acceptance of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-227.

Moved is the item as follows:

## 2025-09-227

Executive Director James Carone presented the <u>Financial Summary for the Eight (8) months</u>

<u>ended August 31, 2025</u>, was accepted.

## 2025-09-227

On motion by Commissioner Maldonado and seconded by Vice Chair Diaz, the Board unanimously accepted Agenda Item No. 2025-09-227; and authorized and ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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#### **EXECUTIVE**

Executive Director James Carone requested approval of Agenda Item No. 2025-09-228. Moved is the item as follows:

## 2025-09-228

In a memorandum dated September 10, 2025, <u>Authorization to Enter into a Contract for External Auditing Services, KPMG LLP, RM-193667 (Finance), Budget Code: Various, Amount: \$1,704,000.00 (3-Year contract), was approved.</u>

On June 24, 2025, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") issued a request for proposal ("RFP") for a firm to provide external auditing services specifically to issue an opinion on the Authority's annual financial statements. Executive Order No. 122 (McGreevey 2004) requires that a procurement process for the selection of independent auditors be conducted at least every five (5) years. The Authority's current contract for these services expires on November 6, 2025. This Executive Order also requires the Audit Committee of the Authority to assist the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") in retaining these services.

The new contract will be for a term of three (3) years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms at the Authority's sole discretion. The RFP was distributed to 21 firms and posted on the Authority's and State of New Jersey's website. On July 29, 2025, proposals were received from the following six (6) firms:

BDO USA, LLP, Woodbridge, NJ	KPMG LLP, Short Hills, NJ		
Crowe, LLP, Livingston, NJ	Mercadien, P.C., Hamilton, NJ		
HBK CPAs & Consultants, Holmdel, NJ	PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, Cranford, NJ		

In accordance with Executive Order No. 122 (McGreevey 2004), an Evaluation Committee (the "Committee"), was established by the Board of Commissioners with approval from the Chair of the Authority. The Committee consisted of Vice Chair Ulises Diaz, Commissioner Ronald Gravino, and

Commissioner Francisco Maldonado. In addition, staff from the Authority's outside counsel, Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer P.A. served as a non-voting member of the Committee in an advisory capacity. The Committee reviewed the written proposals based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The Committee recommends that no award be made to any firm at this time with respect to the services relating to the tax requirements of the Garden State Arts Foundation, Inc. Based on the Committee's review of the proposals, the Committee invited representatives from the following three top-ranked firms to make oral presentations and provide best and final offers ("BAFOs"):

- 1. Crowe, LLP, Livingston, NJ
- 2. KPMG LLP, Short Hills, NJ
- 3. Mercadien, P.C., Hamilton, NJ

The Committee's findings were presented to the Authority's Audit Committee in an Evaluation Report. The Committee found that each of the three accounting firms it interviewed was highly skilled and each has national presence. All three firms had experience in public sector accounting, and they had excellent references. The Committee found, however, that KPMG LLP ("KPMG") stood out among the firms. KPMG is a large firm with vast resources and specialists and currently serves as the Authority's auditor. Other factors which influenced the Committee's decision were the firm's experience with the public sector clients and its relevant experience with similar type clients. KPMG presented a very clear understanding of the Authority's needs and also possesses significant experience gained from assisting the Authority in its recently completed and on-going multi-year capital improvement programs. Given that the Authority is currently in the process of implementing a 20-year, \$24 billion long-range capital plan for both Roadways, which involves the adoption of a series of 5-year rolling capital improvement programs, KPMG's prior experience with the Authority was a significant factor in its favor. Its fee proposal, although not the lowest, was competitive for the services required. The Authority's Audit Committee concurs with this recommendation.

Proposers were asked to quote annual audit fees plus a fixed fee for consent letters for each bond offering(s). In addition, hourly rates were requested for on-call services.

KPMG's proposed fees for the audit services for the Authority and the Foundation for the initial three years (2025, 2026 and 2027) are \$382,000, \$393,000 and \$404,000 respectively, and for the two optional additional years (2028 and 2029) are \$417,000 and \$429,000 respectively. In addition, their proposed financing consent fees for the initial three years (2025, 2026 and 2027) are \$30,000, \$31,000 and \$32,000, respectively, and for the two optional additional years (2028 and 2029) are \$33,000 and \$34,000, respectively.

This professional services procurement was conducted in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 27:23-6.1, *N.J.A.C.* 19:19:9-2.1(b), Executive Order 37 (Corzine 2006), and Executive Order No. 26 (Whitman 1994).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a three (3) year contract to KPMG for annual auditing services at a cost not to exceed \$1,179,000. It is also requested that additional funds be made available for the issuance of consent letters and on-call services in an amount not to exceed \$175,000

per year for three (3) years for a combined 3-year total of \$1,704,000. Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve the two (2) one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance by KPMG LLP, subject to funding availability. Should the option years be exercised, audit fees should not exceed \$417,000 and \$429,000, respectively, and consent letters and on-call services should not exceed \$175,000 per year. It is also requested that the Executive Director be authorized to take such actions and to execute any and all documents as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to further the intent and purpose of the authorization stated herein.

2025-09-228

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado the Board unanimously approved item number 2025-09-228; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

**ROLL CALL** 

DIAZ DUPONT GRAVINO SALERMO MALDONADO WISNIEWSKI O'CONNOR YES ABSENT YES YES YES YES YES

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The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Salermo and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted. The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m. and advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in person, with optional telephonic public call in (check the website NJTA.com to get call-in information), at the Authority's headquarters building located at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Jennifer Kanski Secretary to the Authority

Date: September 23, 2025

**Executive Director**