

NJ TRANSIT GRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM

Agency and Public Coordination Plan

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT¹) proposes to design and construct the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM (proposed Project), a first-of-its-kind “microgrid” designed to provide highly reliable power to support limited service in a core segment of NJ TRANSIT’s and Amtrak’s² critical service territory. As defined by the US Department of Energy (DOE), a microgrid is a local energy grid with “control capability,” which means it can disconnect from the commercial power grid and operate autonomously (DOE 2014a).

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) selected the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM as one element of the “NJ TRANSITGRID” project, a Public Transportation Resilience Project in response to Hurricane Sandy. FTA’s selection of the proposed Project makes it potentially eligible for funds made available under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Pub. L. 113-2). FTA’s selection of the NJ TRANSITGRID project was published in Federal Register Notice Vol. 79, No. 214, 65762-65765 on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 (Table 1, Funding ID D2013-RESL-009 “NJ TRANSITGRID”).

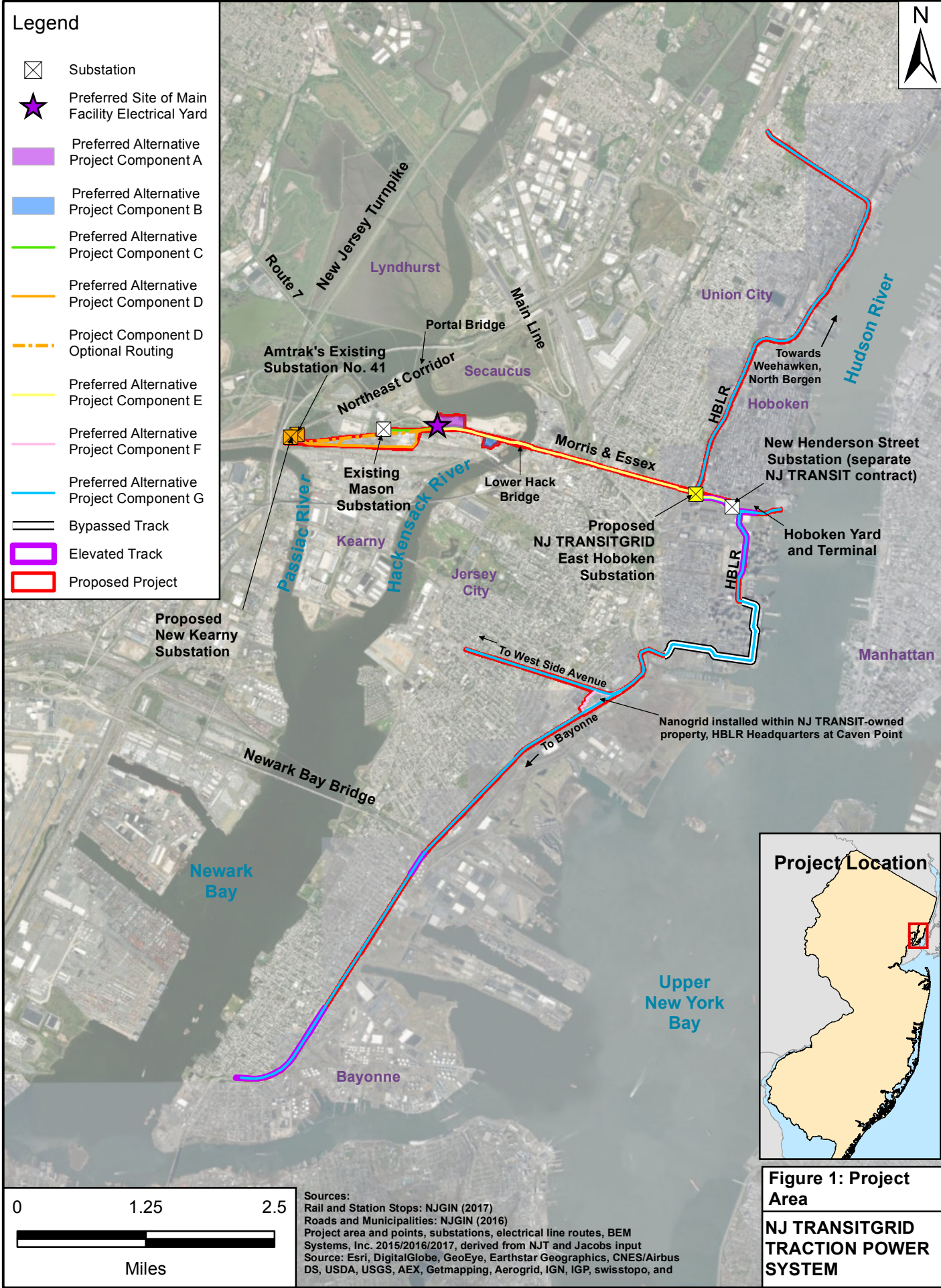
The proposed NJ TRANSITGRID Project selected by FTA consists of two elements.

1. NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM – The proposed Project would include a natural gas-fired electric power generating plant (referred to as the Main Facility), and the electrical lines, substations and other emergency generators to distribute the power to required areas. The Main Facility would utilize combined-cycle technology resulting in power generation capacity of approximately 104 to 140 megawatts (MW). The preferred site for the Main Facility is in Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey (see Figure 1).
2. NJ TRANSITGRID DISTRIBUTED GENERATION SOLUTIONS that would provide power to certain train stations, bus garages and other transportation infrastructure in northeastern New Jersey.

As the administer of potential federal funds, FTA is therefore the designated federal lead agency responsible for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (NEPA) pursuant to NEPA implementing regulations 40 CFR Part 1500-1508 and US Department of Transportation (USDOT) implementing regulations 23 CFR 771. Owing to the proposed NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM

¹ NJ TRANSIT is a state-owned public transportation system that serves the State of New Jersey, along with portions of New York State and Pennsylvania. It operates bus, light rail, and commuter rail services throughout its service area, connecting major commercial and employment centers both within the state and in the adjacent major cities of New York City and Philadelphia. Covering a service area of 5,325 square miles, NJ TRANSIT is the largest statewide public transit system and the third-largest provider of bus, rail, and light rail transit by ridership in the United States.

² Amtrak, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, is a passenger railroad service that provides medium- and long-distance intercity service in the contiguous United States and to three Canadian cities. In New Jersey, Amtrak operates approximately 110 trains daily. Under joint benefit and agreements, NJ TRANSIT operates more than 400 weekday trains along Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor.



potential for significant environmental impacts, FTA has directed the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for that element in accordance with 23 CFR 771.123.

The NJ TRANSITGRID DISTRIBUTED GENERATION SOLUTIONS elements would be constructed and function independently from the NJ TRANSITGRID TRACTION POWER SYSTEM project and provide independent utility with regard to mass transit resilience. Therefore, FTA has determined that the NJ TRANSITGRID DISTRIBUTED GENERATION SOLUTIONS elements will undergo separate environmental review pursuant to 23 CFR 771 and are not included in the DEIS.

The subject of this *Agency and Public Coordination Plan* is the TRACTION POWER SYSTEM Project.

2.0 PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed Project is to enhance the resiliency of the electricity supply to the NJ TRANSIT and Amtrak infrastructure that serves key commuter markets in New York and New Jersey to minimize public transportation service disruptions. The need for the proposed Project is based on the vulnerability of NJ TRANSIT's rail service to power outages, which are occurring increasingly due to the nature of the existing centralized power distribution system and the intensity and frequency of severe weather events.

3.0 PURPOSE OF THE AGENCY AND PUBLIC COORDINATION PLAN

This *Agency and Public Coordination Plan* has been prepared following FTA's "Environmental Review Process Guidance"³ that addresses statutory requirements regarding the environmental review of FTA actions.

This coordination plan outlines the following:

- How FTA, the lead federal agency of the Project, and NJ TRANSIT have divided responsibilities for compliance with the various aspects of the environmental review process;
- How FTA and NJ TRANSIT will provide the opportunities for input from the public and federal, state and local agencies, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The Plan describes the proposed Project's overall approach and techniques that will be used to solicit agency and public input during the environmental review process. The primary coordination goals are:

Goal 1: Provide early coordination with key agencies and stakeholders;

Goal 2: Support advancement of the proposed action;

Goal 3: Enable more efficient environmental reviews;

Goal 4: Facilitate project decision-making; and

Goal 5: Deliver a transparent public process.

As the proposed Project develops and advances through the NEPA environmental review process to regulatory permitting and construction, this *Agency and Public Coordination Plan* will be updated to reflect current information and agency and public involvement techniques that are appropriate to the current project stage. The Plan will be revised approximately every six months.

4.0 AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Lead Agency and Project Sponsor

FTA is the lead federal agency in the NEPA environmental review process. FTA will be responsible for the following:

- Overseeing the preparation of the EIS and ensuring that the document and the steps completed in the NEPA process meet federal requirements, including compliance with 23 CFR part 771, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, Section 1319 of MAP-21 and other relevant regulations;
- Reviewing and commenting in a timely fashion on project documentation that is developed by NJ TRANSIT;
- Maintaining responsibility for the scope, content and conclusions of the EIS;
- Providing assistance on programmatic procedures and requirements and keeping NJ TRANSIT apprised of emerging agency policies and guidance for completing technical analyses;
- Identifying and involving participating and cooperating agencies;
- Publishing the notices that are required in the NEPA process in the *Federal Register*;
- Issuing a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD), if feasible, that describes the basis for FTA's funding decision and indicating that the requirements of NEPA have been satisfied.

NJ TRANSIT is the Project sponsor in fulfilling the NEPA environmental review process. NJ TRANSIT will be responsible for the following:

- Preparing the EIS, and ensuring that the work is performed in a technically sound manner and completed in accordance with the proposed Project schedule and budget;
- Providing professional management and direction to the Environmental Consultant Team as the work progresses;
- Developing coordination plans and providing opportunities for public and agency involvement in:
 - a) Defining the purpose and need and determining the range of alternatives; and
 - b) Determining methodologies and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.
- Establishing and coordinating with a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure the technical quality of the work;
- Publication in newspapers of the notices that are required in the NEPA process;
- Keeping other interested agencies and the public informed about the proposed Project during NEPA process and responding to information requests during the course of the study.

NJ TRANSIT will also be responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals that are required to construct the proposed Project and operate the new facility.

FTA, as lead federal agency for the proposed Project, has invited federal, state, and local agencies to be either cooperating or participating agencies, as appropriate, as defined below. The list of cooperating and participating agencies for the proposed Project is presented in Appendix A. Appendix B includes a preliminary stakeholder list that includes other agencies and organizations that have expressed or might express a general interest in the proposed Project.

Pursuant to Section 1319(b) of Map-21, FTA shall, to the maximum extent practicable, combine an FEIS and ROD unless 1) the FEIS makes substantial changes to the proposed action that are relevant to

environmental or safety concerns; or 2) there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and that bear on the proposed action or the impacts of the proposed action. The combined Final EIS/ROD will announce and explain FTA's decision and describe any commitments for mitigating potential social, economic and environmental impacts.

4.2 Cooperating Agencies

The FTA NEPA regulations (23 CFR 771.111(d)) require that those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law (with permitting or land transfer authority) be invited to be cooperating agencies in the NEPA process. FTA may also invite any agency with special expertise, with respect to environmental impacts that could result from a proposed project or project alternative, to be a cooperating agency. A State or local agency of similar qualifications or, when the effects are on lands of tribal interest, a Native American tribe may, by agreement with the lead agencies, also become a cooperating agency (40 CFR 1508.5).

The roles and responsibilities of cooperating and participating agencies are similar, but cooperating agencies have a higher degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process. A distinguishing feature of a cooperating agency is that the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1501.6(b)(3)) permit a cooperating agency to "assume on request of the lead agency responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses including portions of the environmental impact statement concerning which the cooperating agency has special expertise." An additional distinction is that, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3(c), "a cooperating agency may adopt without recirculating the environmental impact statement of a lead agency when, after an independent review of the statement, the cooperating agency concludes that its comments and suggestions have been satisfied." This provision is particularly important to permitting agencies who, as cooperating agencies, routinely adopt Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/FTA environmental documents.

Cooperating agencies will be responsible for the following:

- Participating in the scoping process;
- Providing comments on purpose and need, methodologies, and the range of alternatives;
- Developing information and preparing environmental analyses in an area of special expertise upon request from FTA;
- Identifying issues of concern regarding the proposed Project's environmental and socioeconomic impacts;
- Identification of issues that could substantially delay or prevent granting of permit/approval;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues and assisting in the development of mitigation measures, as appropriate.

4.3 Participating Agencies

Federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the proposed Project must be invited to serve as participating agencies (23 U.S.C. 139(d)(2)). Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. Any federal agency that is invited to participate in the environmental review process shall be designated as a participating agency unless the invited agency informs FTA, in writing, by the deadline specified in the invitation that the invited agency (1) has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the proposed Project, (2) has no expertise or information relevant to the proposed Project, and (3) does not intend to submit comments on the

proposed Project. A state, tribal, or local agency must respond affirmatively to the invitation to be designated as a participating agency.

Participating agencies will be responsible for the following:

- Participating in the scoping process;
- Providing comments on purpose and need, methodologies, the range of alternatives, and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis;
- Participating in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate;
- Identifying issues of concern regarding the proposed Project's environmental and socioeconomic impacts;
- Providing timely review and comments on environmental documents;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.

Accepting the designation as a participating agency does not indicate support of the proposed Project and does not provide an agency with increased oversight or approval authority beyond its statutory limits, if applicable. Cooperating agencies also share the responsibilities of participating agencies.

If, during proposed Project development, new information indicates that an agency not previously requested to be a participating agency does indeed have authority, jurisdiction, acknowledged expertise or information relevant to the proposed Project, then FTA will promptly extend an invitation to that agency to be a participating agency. FTA will consider whether this new information affects any previous decisions on the proposed Project.

5.0 AGENCY COORDINATION

5.1 Technical Advisory Committee

Project Team members and Cooperating and Participating agencies have formed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to facilitate effective and timely decision-making and an efficient environmental review process. TAC coordination occurs as needed at key decision-making points (see Table 1):

TABLE 1. Technical Advisory Committee Coordination Schedule

TAC MEETING TOPIC	TIMEFRAME	COORDINATION ACTIVITY	NOTES
1. Project Briefing	October 29, 2015	Review Project concept and agency coordination objectives	Project overview and proposed Project NEPA schedule presented to meeting attendees.
2. Public Scoping	December 22, 2015- February 15, 2016	Review/revision of scoping materials prior to public meeting	Draft Scoping Document provided to TAC members for review prior to public review period and public meeting. Comments provided by TAC members incorporated, as appropriate, into Draft Scoping Document.
3. Alternatives	June 22, 2016	Review alternative technologies and siting study	Proposed Project progress and alternative siting analysis presented to meeting attendees.
4. Preliminary DEIS	February 15 – March 18, 2019	Review/revision of document prior to publication	Preliminary DEIS provided to TAC members for review prior to public review period and public hearing. Comments provided by TAC members incorporated, as appropriate, into DEIS.
5. FEIS/ROD⁴	Fall 2019	Review/revisions of DEIS comments and responses and ROD	

⁴Pursuant to Section 1319(b) of Map-21, FTA shall, to the maximum extent practicable, combine an FEIS and ROD unless 1) the FEIS makes substantial changes to the proposed action that are relevant to environmental or safety concerns; or 2) there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and that bear on the proposed action or the impacts of the proposed action. The combined Final EIS/ROD will announce and explain FTA's decision and describe any commitments for mitigating potential social, economic and environmental impacts. If a combined Final EIS/ROD is not practicable, FTA shall issue a ROD in accordance with 23 CFR 771.125(a). In that scenario, FTA cannot issue the ROD until at least thirty days after the FEIS (per 40 CFR 1506.10(b)(2)).

5.2 Section 106 Coordination

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 36 CFR § 800) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties that are listed in or meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places (NJRHP).

Section 106 requires that agency officials work with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJ HPO) to identify parties to participate in the Section 106 process (Consulting Parties). Consulting parties may include federally recognized Native American tribes (Tribal Government Organizations [TGOs]), local governments, and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the proposed Project due to the nature of their legal or economic relationship to the proposed Project or affected historic properties, or their concern with the project's effects on historic properties. Outreach required for Section 106 has been conducted separately and is not included in this document. NJ HPO has reviewed the Historic Architectural Resources Background Study (HARBS) and Effects Assessment (EA) Report and the Phase 1A Archaeological Survey and issued their response on April 24, 2018. A draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) is in development between FTA, NJ HPO and NJ TRANSIT.

6.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

FTA and NJ TRANSIT are committed to promoting an active role for the public from the early stages of the planning process through detailed project development. Public Involvement is essential to the proposed Project's success and is a required component of the EIS process and will always be conducted in coordination with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Public Information and Legislative and Community Affairs department. Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, dated February 11, 1994, requires federal agencies to involve potentially affected minority and low-income populations (Environmental Justice Communities) in the review of project issues related to human health and the environment. As indicated below, project information such as fact sheets and meeting notices will be translated into Spanish. Interpretation services will be provided at all public meetings.

Key objectives of the plan are to:

- Provide project-area elected officials, agencies, town, city and borough councils, special interest groups, residents, businesses, and property owners with information about the proposed action, and provide an opportunity for them to voice concerns related to the proposed Project and its environmental impacts;
- Clearly convey the proposed Project's purpose and need, goals and objectives, and benefits;
- Solicit feedback on the Scoping Document and DEIS; and
- Provide an organized, inclusive process to meet scheduled milestones.

The Plan provides:

- Targeted outreach to key stakeholders at critical points throughout the proposed Project's lifecycle;
- Broad, inclusive communications to engage a wide base of constituencies, as well as customized communications targeted to specific populations or groups, including minority and low-income populations;
- Timely updates on project information and progress to enable and maintain meaningful public dialogue; and
- Forums and venues to ensure stakeholders can easily participate in the process.

6.1 NEPA Mandated Public Review

NEPA is designed to ensure that the environmental consequences of major federal decisions are known and available to the public before decisions are made and actions are undertaken. An EIS is divided into three stages to solicit input from the public during the NEPA process:

- Public Scoping – written comments on a Draft Scoping Document during a 30-day (minimum) public comment period, and written and oral comments received at Public Scoping Meetings;
- DEIS – written comments on the DEIS during a 45-day (minimum) public review period, written and oral comments received at Public Hearing, and provides notification of intent to issue a combined FEIS/ROD; and
- FEIS/ROD, which will address the comments received on the DEIS.

6.1.1 Notice of Intent to Prepare the DEIS and Public Scoping

Public scoping informs the public about the proposed Project and solicits input on issues that should be considered for evaluation in the DEIS. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was prepared indicating FTA's and NJ TRANSIT's intent to prepare a combined FEIS/ROD for the proposed Project, if certain conditions exist following the conclusion of the public and agency review period for the DEIS.

The NOI described the scoping process, and indicated the availability of the *Draft Scoping Document*, dates of the scoping meetings, and ways in which the public can get involved.

The *Final Scoping Document* identifies the proposed Project's purpose and need, alternatives considered and those studied in detail in the DEIS, and the methodologies used to identify the proposed Project's potential to cause significant adverse impacts for each NEPA category of impacts.

The NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on January 7, 2016, more than 15 days before the Public Scoping Meeting, which was held on February 3, 2016. In addition to the NOI, public meeting preparation included:

- Placement of advertisements and stakeholder notification of the upcoming meeting;
- Outreach to community organizations, local elected officials and municipalities;
- Targeted outreach to Environmental Justice communities, including outreach materials prepared in English and Spanish, and translation services at the public meetings; and
- Maintenance of all meeting records and correspondence.

A written summary of the public scoping meetings, responses to comments, and preparation of a Final Scoping Document was completed at the close of the 30-day comment period.

6.1.2 Notice of Availability of DEIS and Public Hearings

FTA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register* to announce the issuance and public availability of the DEIS, solicit comments on the DEIS, and indicate the date for the Public Hearings. The publication of the NOA and DEIS is anticipated for spring 2019. NJ TRANSIT will:

- Notify stakeholders via a project mailing;
- Prepare and execute a media advisory for appropriate broadcast and print outlets;
- Conduct outreach to community organizations, local elected officials and municipalities;
- Conduct outreach to Environmental Justice communities and prepare outreach materials in English and Spanish, and other languages if requested or deemed necessary based on interest in the Project;
- Arrange for the recordation of formal testimony;
- Make provisions for comments to be submitted verbally during the Public Hearings or via comment forms at the Public Hearings and during the public comment period by mail, email, fax, or via the project website;
- Maintain an internal database of all submitted comments and prepare a chapter for the FEIS summarizing the comments and responses; and
- Make provisions for translation services.

6.1.3 Notice of Availability of FEIS/ROD

The FEIS will respond to comments received on the DEIS and the ROD will record the decisions made by FTA regarding the preferred plan and the environmental factors considered.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1506.10, no decision on the proposed action shall be made or recorded by a federal agency until the later of the following dates: (1) Ninety days after the NOA published for the DEIS or (2) thirty days after publication of the NOA for the FEIS.

6.2 Other Public Involvement Tools and Activities

In addition to the formal outreach activities described above, a wide range of activities and tools have been and will continue to be employed to maximize public outreach and engagement. Processes are assessed periodically to determine their effectiveness and to identify areas where adjustments are needed. The tools and deliverables to facilitate this program include:

6.2.1 Project Database

An internal project database is being managed and maintained by NJ TRANSIT for the duration of the proposed Project. Updates to the database are ongoing on an as-needed basis. The database:

- Includes information on all project stakeholders (elected officials, community groups, local businesses, public agencies, affiliated team members, project committee members, and other interested parties);
- Is used to document correspondence and feedback received through the NEPA process;
- Is updated and reviewed after every meeting to ensure accuracy; and
- Provides issue-tracking.

6.2.2 Fact Sheets

Project fact sheets are an effective way to keep interested parties informed about project developments and key milestones (e.g., Scoping, Draft EIS). Fact sheets are updated on an as-need basis.

- For maximum reach, fact sheets will be available in both English and Spanish, and available in printed form for distribution at meetings;
- Fact sheets will be posted to the project website and/or in email blasts in electronic form (PDF) in a format that is accessible for those with visual and audio impairments; and
- Fact sheets will be issued on an as needed basis.

6.2.3 E-Bulletins

Electronic bulletins are mini-briefings about project updates released on an as-needed basis. They:

- Can be issued in between newsletter editions as an efficient way of providing timely information to stakeholders, community boards and other interested groups and organizations; and
- Are generally printed as a one-sided single-page bulletin or as a PDF, and will be issued on an as needed basis.

6.2.4 Email/Electronic Correspondence

Electronic media provides another means of getting information to target audiences quickly. Electronic media will be utilized as a significant part of the overall project communication media mix to report on

project status, progress and other key issues. Persons interested in receiving e-notices must provide contact information (including email address) via the project website, at public meetings, or through written request.

6.2.5 Project Website

Project website material has been developed, and updated as needed, in an electronic format that is accessible to those with visual and audible impairments to:

- Serve as a 24/7 destination for the latest project information;
- Provide information on how to contact project leaders; and
- Feature postings on project overview; benefits and goals; project timeline; project milestones; calendar of upcoming events; and environmental documentation.

The proposed Project's website can be found at <http://njtransitresilienceprogram.com/nj-transitgrid-overview/>.

6.2.6 Targeted Meetings and Outreach

As part of proactive outreach efforts, outreach will be conducted and meetings will be held to address the needs, questions, and concerns of the public, project agencies, special communities and specific stakeholder groups. Outreach efforts will be coordinated by the environmental review team⁵, which will maintain a log of all outreach and meeting activity and stakeholder feedback / comments. Targeted and general outreach meetings with the public and other key stakeholders groups will be held as needed and as required by NEPA process throughout the Project lifecycle. These could include:

- Project site tours and surveys (on as-needed basis);
- Information sessions for neighborhood and block associations, and other local organizations, upon request;
- One-on-one outreach briefings to elected officials to inform and discuss their concerns about potential community and environmental impacts;
- One-on-one meetings with industry specialists or community groups to collect data or seek input on specific issues; and
- Meetings with other key stakeholders in the Project area, including marine and transportation industry representatives; community and environmental groups; and federal, state, county, regional and city elected and appointed officials, as needed.

⁵ The environmental review team includes the NJ TRANSIT Project Manager, members of NJ TRANSIT's Office of Public Information and the Legislative and Community Affairs Department, and a consultant team that includes personnel from InGroup Inc. and BEM Systems, Inc.

Appendix A

Cooperating and Participating Agency List

APPENDIX A: COOPERATING AND PARTICIPATING AGENCY LIST (LAST UPDATED APRIL 2019)

Cooperating Agencies

- U.S. EPA – Compliance with Clean Air and Water Acts, remedial activities/brownfields (permits administered through NJDEP)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – New Jersey Hackensack Meadowlands District (HMD) Wetlands Jurisdiction

Participating Agencies

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) – interest in advancing energy technologies, expertise in NEPA documentation for energy projects
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Region 1 – Northeast Corridor jurisdiction
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - regulatory oversight for lighting requirements for stacks and monopoles
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 2 – general interest
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Regions 1 and 2 – general interest
- Amtrak – owns and operates on Northeast Corridor, project elements include modification to Amtrak infrastructure
- N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) – Land use, Coastal/Waterfront Redevelopment, Freshwater Wetlands, Flood Hazard Area, NJPDES/Stormwater management permits, Air Resources (Title V, et al), as required.
- N.J. Board of Public Utilities - Regulatory oversight and expertise in interconnection agreements with PSE&G
- N.J. Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – general interest
- N.J. Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) – interest in secure facility
- N.J. Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) – interest in secure facility
- N.J. Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) –Koppers Coke Peninsula Redevelopment Plan (February 2013) encompasses the project site
- Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) – owner of project site
- Hudson County Planning – facility to be located in Hudson County
- Hudson County Soil Conservation District – permit approval

Appendix B

Preliminary Stakeholder List

APPENDIX B: PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER LIST

Federal Organizations (other than cooperating and participating agencies)

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) – Section 106/Section 4(f) coordination
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – general interest
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)/NOAA Fisheries – consultation/permit if work in Hackensack River is required
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) – permit if construction of an obstruction in Hackensack River is required and temporarily redirects marine traffic
- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) –Section 4(f) Evaluation review.

State Organizations (other than cooperating and participating agencies)

- N.J. Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office (NJ HPO) – historic archaeological or architectural resources listed or eligible for listing on the State/National Registers
- N.J. Department of State – general interest
- N.J. State Police – general interest
- North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) – general interest
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – general interest

Local Organizations (other than cooperating and participating agencies)

- County and/or Local Fire
- County and/or Local Police
- Hudson County Utilities Authority – general interest
- Norfolk Southern, Conrail, CSX – freight carriers in the project area – general interest
- Pennsylvania New Jersey Maryland Interconnection LLC (PJM) – Interconnection agreement
- PSE&G – Interconnection agreement

Neighborhood and Block Associations

Kearny NJ

- Arlington Players Club
- Arlington Women’s Club EMD
- B.P.O. Elks Kearny Lodge #1050
- Copestone Masonic Temple Association
- Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Friends of the Kearny New Jersey Free Public Library, Inc.
- Girl Scout Headquarters West Hudson
- Irish American Association
- Junior Women’s Club of Arlington
- Kearny Chapter of UNICO National
- Kearny Lions Club

- Kearny Museum Committee
- Kearny Optimists
- Knights of Columbus Kearny Council #402
- Marconi Club
- Pathways to Independence
- Peruvian Civic Association of New Jersey, Inc.
- Portuguese Cultural Association
- Presbyterian Boys and Girls Club
- Rotary Club
- Salvation Army
- Scots American Athletic Club
- Senior Citizens Community Center
- Spruce Terrace Senior Citizens Residence
- The Woman's Club of Arlington
- Ulster Club, Inc.
- West Hudson Hospital Association
- West Hudson Kiwanis Club
- West Hudson/South Bergen Chamber of Commerce
- Young Men's & Women's Christian Association

Jersey City

- Columbia Avenue Block Association
- East Pershing Block Association
- Friends of Liberty State Park
- Hague Street Block Association
- Heights Hope Neighborhood Association
- Jersey City Parks Coalition
- Lincoln Street Block Association
- Nelson Avenue Block Association
- New York Avenue Block Association
- P.S. #8 Neighborhood Block Association
- Riverview Neighborhood Association
- Sgt. Anthony Park Association
- Sherman Place Block Association
- Sparrow Hill Neighborhood Association
- The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance
- Washington Park Association of Hudson County
- Waverly St. Block Association

Elected Officials

- Assemblyman Vincent Prieto
- Assemblywoman Angelica M. Jimenez
- Council Member Albino Cardoso, Kearny
- Council Member Marytrine De Castro, Kearny

- Council Member Carol Jean Doyle
- Council Member Eileen Eckel
- Council Member Gerald Ficeto
- Council Member Peter Santana
- Council Member Richard P. Konopka
- Council Member Susan McCurrie
- Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise
- Senator Nicholas J. Sacco
- Town of Kearny Mayor Al Santos

Environmental Organizations

- Edison Wetlands Association
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Friends of the Hackensack River Greenway Through Teaneck
- Hackensack River Keeper
- Inform, Inc.
- The Ironbound Community Corporation
- Morris Canal – Canal Society of New Jersey
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- New Jersey Clean Energy Program
- New Jersey Environmental Federation - "Clean Water Action"
- New Jersey Future
- New Jersey Sierra Club
- Town of Kearny
- Wetlands Institute