

February 26, 2026

Dear Governor Sherrill,

We, the undersigned 65 groups, applaud the appointment of Kris Kolluri to head both the NJ Turnpike Authority and NJ Transit, which will allow the State to better prioritize transportation projects and spending, and reexamine whether existing plans best serve the transportation needs of New Jersey residents and businesses.

In that spirit, we respectfully urge you to reexamine and change NJTA's deeply unpopular and unaffordable \$10.7 billion plan to expand the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension. This plan conflicts with many of the core goals of your administration, especially affordability, governmental efficiency and improving public transit. New Jersey drivers and residents, who have already been subject to relentless toll increases, should not be paying even more for this bloated project.

The current plan includes doubling the size of the Newark Bay Bridge by building two new four-lane bridges. It was also developed without any meaningful input from the public or public officials and is opposed by New Jersey's two most important cities, Jersey City and Newark, linked by the Bridge.

We recognize you have stated the Bridge should be replaced. If the Bridge must be replaced, building one four or six lane bridge, instead of building two new bridges, would accomplish the Project's goals while:

- Saving billions of dollars in construction costs
- Reducing air and noise pollution and construction time
- Lessening the disturbance of hazardous substances in Newark Bay
- Allowing more revenue to be used to improve public transit
- Removing the threat of litigation that could derail the project altogether

NJTA's December 2025 announcement that it is not currently planning to add a new travel lane east of the Bridge makes doubling the size of the Bridge even more problematic: four lanes of Bridge traffic will merge into two lanes causing a massive bottleneck and increasing traffic on local Jersey City streets. We will potentially be spending \$10.7 billion to make traffic worse. The bottleneck at the Bridge would also incentivize NJTA to reverse course and add a travel lane east of the Bridge.

The State should also be reexamining NJTA's expansion plans east of the Bridge, which still call for tearing down the existing elevated highway and replacing it with something bigger. The State should consider and solicit proposals for alternative plans such as replacing the elevated highway with a boulevard, as has been successfully done around the country. This could potentially lead to the

development of thousands of new housing units and billions of dollars in economic development. The entire NB-HCE Project needs to be reexamined with new eyes and public input.

We look forward to hearing back from you and further discussing our concerns about the Project and how to change the Project to best effectuate the Governor's goals.

Sincerely,

Turnpike Trap Coalition	Embankment Preservation Coalition
Empower NJ	Friends of Liberty State Park
Regional Plan Association	Hackensack Riverkeeper
Tri-State Transportation Campaign	Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association
BlueWaveNJ	Historic Paulus Hook Association (HPHA)
Clean Water Action	JC Heights Parents
Climate Revolution Action Network	Journal Square Community Association
Environment New Jersey	Lincoln Park North Neighborhood Association
Food & Water Watch	McGinley Square Community Board (MSCB)
GreenFaith	MoveOn.org HobokenRESIST!
Hudson County Complete Streets	New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition
Ironbound Community Corporation	New Jersey Forest Watch
League of Women Voters of New Jersey	NJ Association of RR Passengers
Make The Road NJ	North Jersey Pipeline Walkers
NJ Environmental Justice Alliance	NYNJ Baykeeper
NJ Citizen Action	OpenPlans
NJ State NAACP Env'l. & Climate Justice Committee	ReportJerseyCity.com
NJ Working Families Party	Riverview Neighborhood Association
350NJ-Rockland	Safe Streets JC (Jersey City)
Bayonne Green	Sgt Anthony Park Neighborhood Association
Bayview Skyline Neighborhood Block Association	SOMA Action Climate
Bergen County Complete Streets	StreetsPAC NJ
Better Blocks New Jersey	Strong Towns West Hudson
Bike Hoboken	Students for Environmental Action
Bike JC (Jersey City)	Sustainable Jersey City
Bike North Bergen	Third Act New Jersey
Bike&Walk Montclair	Traffic Reform Warriors
Climate Reality Project - NJ	Union County Connects
Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains	UU Faith Action NJ
Delaware Riverkeeper Network	Van Vorst Neighborhood Association
DivestNJ	Waterspirit
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition	Weequahic Park Association
Effective Transit Alliance	