

Statement by NJBIA on Port Authority's Revised 10-Year Capital Construction Plan

New Jersey Business & Industry Association President Philip Kirschner today issued the following statement on the revised 10-year capital construction plan adopted by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey:

“The activities of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which support thousands of businesses and thousands of jobs, are essential to the health of New Jersey’s economy. The effective operation of the port authority is critical to the state’s import-export industry, its shipping industry and transportation in general.”

“As a corridor state, New Jersey must maintain the ability to transport good and services easily, effectively and affordably.”

“Governor Chris Christie is absolutely right to demand a top-to-bottom audit of the Port Authority to ensure that every dollar of toll money is spent responsibly.”

“Nevertheless, there can be no denying the need for the important infrastructure improvements outlined in the capital plan. We believe the recently approved proposal strikes a reasonable balance between addressing the important transportation projects that will boost New Jersey’s economy and create much needed jobs while considering the ability of businesses and consumers to pay.”

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