Senator Ruiz:
1. Please provide a list of capital projects in the local aid program where project funding could be delayed or otherwise impacted by a failure to provide an increase in funding the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) prior to the early August date when it is projected that the TTF will have exhausted its cash balances to fund transportation projects.

Answer: In August 2016 Executive Order (E.O.) 213 was signed authorizing the State Treasurer and the OMB Director to transfer such amounts as are necessary to support transportation projects that are determined to be essential to public safety and to ensure the receipt of federal funding. All transportation projects, including State highway contracts, local aid grants, and NJ Transit initiatives are subject to the provisions of E.O. 213.

Senator Van Drew:
2. Please provide an updated completion date for Garden State Parkway construction projects at Exit 0.

Answer: Interchange 0 on the Parkway was completed on September 1, 2016.

Senator Beck:
3. Please provide information concerning the application of Long Branch to become part of the Transit Village program. Please include the steps necessary to become a Transit Village, the current status of Long Branch, and steps necessary before Long Branch can officially be designated a Transit Village. Also please include any available estimate of when that designation will be granted.

Answer: To receive designation as a Transit Village, a municipality must complete an application that demonstrates municipal willingness to grow around a transit facility in a transit-supportive manner, documents a supportive redevelopment plan and/or zoning ordinance, and identifies bicycle and pedestrian improvements as well as place-making efforts near transit. The Transit Village application is available on the Department’s web site at http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/village/.

A Transit Village Task Force comprised of representatives from ten state agencies reviews applications. On behalf of the Task Force, NJDOT provides guidance to applicants during the process.

Long Branch submitted an application to become a Transit Village on June 13, 2013. The required pre-application meeting was held on July 13, 2012, through a presentation to the Transit Village Task Force.
Since initial receipt of the application, Long Branch has submitted several revisions and additional documents at the request of the Transit Village Task Force. NJDOT staff met with Long Branch officials on March 25, 2015 and March 9, 2016 to discuss how Long Branch could supply the remaining necessary items to complete the application process. Long Branch submitted follow-up documentation on April 12, 2016. Based on review of the follow-up data, the Transit Village Task Force recommended designation of Long Branch as the 32nd Transit Village in New Jersey. The recommendation was approved by the Commissioner and the Governor. The designation is official.