

Hunterdon County Freeholder Matthew Holt Honored for Service on Transportation Planning Board



Hunterdon County Freeholder Matthew Holt was recognized for his ongoing and long-standing service on the Board of Trustees of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) at the agency's annual meeting in Newark on Monday.

"It's truly an honor to receive this recognition," said Freeholder Holt, who joined the NJTPA Board in 2008. "Thanks to the NJTPA, in Hunterdon County we've made great strides to improve our infrastructure and encourage economic

development."

Freeholder Holt was elected to the NJTPA Board's Executive Committee in 2009. He served as Board Chair in 2012 and 2013 and is currently the Second Vice Chair. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board's Planning and Economic Development Committee.

"Under Freeholder Holt's leadership, Hunterdon County has advanced nearly \$3 million in safety projects and more than \$23 million in local roadway and bridge projects," NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy said.

The federally funded, County-led improvements include such projects as the replacement of the Reformatory Road Bridge in Clinton Township and the rehabilitation of the Rockafellows Mill Road Bridge in Readington and Raritan townships. In addition, Freeholder Holt led efforts to create the County's first-ever Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, funded by the NJTPA and Together North Jersey.

Since joining the Board, Freeholder Holt has become a widely respected advocate for transportation investment and the importance of long-term federal funding. He serves on the National Association of Regional Council's Board of Directors and was honored with the council's Tom Bradley Leadership Award in 2013.

NJTPA Chairman Peter Palmer, Somerset County Freeholder Director, joined Executive Director Murphy in presenting Freeholder Holt with his service award.

"Freeholder Holt has made significant contributions not just to Hunterdon County, but to the entire NJTPA region," Murphy said.