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## **NJTA awards \$42 million in design, construction contracts**

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority today awarded six design and construction contracts worth nearly \$42 million, continuing Governor Corzine's commitment to making infrastructure improvements to two of the busiest toll roads in America while at the same time creating and preserving jobs.

The Authority now has awarded 73 design and construction contracts worth \$673.5 million since the beginning of 2009.

"The Turnpike and Parkway are vital to New Jersey's economy," said Department of Transportation Commissioner Stephen Dilts, who serves as chairman of the Turnpike board. "These infrastructure investments we're making right now provide jobs today and assure that our roads will be able to support the expansion of New Jersey's economy well into the future.

The construction contracts awarded this morning by the Turnpike Authority Commissioners include \$18.3 million to the Railroad Construction Co. of Paterson, NJ, for improvements to five bridges on the northern Turnpike, \$1.3 million to Mount Construction Co. of Berlin, NJ, for the construction of a new salt storage structure on the Garden State Parkway in Sayreville, and \$2.3 million to Conti Enterprises of South Plainfield, NJ, for the fabrication of support structures for overhead variable message signs on the Turnpike and Parkway.

The three design contracts were for segments of the Parkway widening between mileposts 48 and 64.5. The awards were made to Gannett Fleming Inc. of South Plainfield, NJ, the RBA Group Inc. of Parsippany, NJ, and Michael Baker Jr. Inc. of Hamilton, NJ.

The Turnpike Authority, which operates two of the top five busiest toll roads in the U.S., adopted a 10-year, \$7 billion capital program last fall. Construction began this summer on two of the largest projects in the program – major widenings on the Turnpike and the Parkway. The Turnpike widening alone is expected to create or sustain 18,000 jobs between this year and its scheduled completion in 2014.

“Our main responsibility is to provide a safe and efficient route for the hundreds of thousands of drivers who depend on our toll roads every day,” Turnpike Authority Executive Director Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “But it’s gratifying that in fulfilling that purpose we’re able to provide thousands of New Jerseyans with the dignity of a job in the midst of challenging economic times for our nation.”