

COUNTY: Union

Municipality

All Municipalities

Purveyor

City of Elizabeth Water Department

Commonwealth Water Company

Elizabethtown Water Company

Rahway Water Department

Winfield Mutual Housing Corporation

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 105

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of New Jersey to provide specialized transportation services for its elderly and handicapped persons in a coordinated and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Several State agencies, local agencies and private organizations are involved either in the distribution of funds or in the provision of specialized transportation programs for the elderly and handicapped; and

WHEREAS, Various State agencies have been working with the State's counties to establish a coordinated, consolidated, efficient transportation delivery system for elderly and handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force on Transportation Services for Elderly and Handicapped Citizens ("the Task Force") has completed a comprehensive review, identified programs and agencies involved in providing specialized transportation services and released its findings in a report entitled "Coordinating Specialized Transportation Services in New Jersey"; and

WHEREAS, In this report, the Task Force had identified certain actions which will aid in eliminating inefficient services and improving transportation for the elderly and handicapped;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitu-

tion and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. The New Jersey Department of Transportation be designated as the lead agency for coordinating specialized transportation services at the State level.

2. The New Jersey Department of Transportation establish an office for the coordination of specialized transportation services. This office shall:

a. Assist counties in the establishment of offices for countywide coordination and the investigation of funding sources for such offices;

b. Perform an inventory of State operated transportation programs and recommend means of coordinating services with local operations and public transportation services;

c. Review and approve county coordination plans for specialized transportation services beginning July 1, 1983;

d. Research the feasibility of developing a Statewide non-profit organization to purchase insurance for local non-profit transportation agencies;

e. Organize the Interdepartmental Advisory Group on the Coordination of Specialized Transportation Services (the Advisory Group);

f. Standardize State fiscal and program reporting requirements for local transportation agencies in consultation with the Advisory Group;

g. Undertake an in-depth study to streamline State and federal billing and accountability regulations for local operators with assistance from the Advisory Group;

h. Complete an inventory of mandated service priorities for programs administered by State agencies;

i. Issue a technical assistance guide for local operators on the implementation of service priorities; and

j. Research and develop sources of funding for local demonstration projects for the coordination of specialized transportation services.

3. There is hereby established an Interdepartmental Advisory Group on the Coordination of Specialized Transportation Services to ensure the continuation of interagency cooperation. The members of the Advisory Group shall be the Commissioners of the

Departments of Transportation, Agriculture, Community Affairs, Education, Health, Human Services, Insurance, Labor and Industry, Treasury and the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation or their designated representatives, and such other persons as the Governor may designate. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group shall:

- a. Review and clarify State regulations on the use of vehicles purchased with State and federal funds;
- b. Review the use of passenger contributions and fares in light of federal and State regulations;
- c. Encourage the integration of specialized transportation services with public transit in rural areas;
- d. Develop an interdepartmental policy on service priorities for specialized transportation services;
- e. Identify sources of funding for specialized transportation demonstration projects and county coordination offices;
- f. Standardize State fiscal and program reporting requirements for local transportation agencies; and
- g. Streamline State and federal billing and accountability regulations for local operators.

4. a. The Advisory Group is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports, and other information, personnel and assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

b. All departments and agencies are authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Advisory Group and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

5. All State agencies require that local agencies requesting funds for specialized transportation services demonstrate coordination efforts with other local agencies, providers of specialized transportation services and public transit services.

Effective July 1, 1983, State agencies responsible for the disbursement of funds for specialized transportation services shall require that local agencies requesting such funds demonstrate that they have been included in an approved County Coordination Plan for specialized transportation services. If a local agency was not

included in a coordination plan, it may still receive funding if the specialized transportation services have been certified by the county as being consistent with such plan, and the Department of Transportation concurs.

6. There is created an Interdepartmental Committee consisting of the Departments of Transportation and Education. The Committee shall perform an in-depth study of the broader use of school buses as a community resource and present their findings by January 1, 1982.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 3rd day of April,
[SEAL] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and fifth.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ HAROLD L. HODES,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 106

WHEREAS, The State Prisons and other penal and correctional institutions of the New Jersey Department of Corrections are housing populations of inmates in excess of their capacities and are seriously overcrowded as a result of unusually large numbers of commitments to the State institutions and commitments for terms of years which are longer than heretofore imposed; and

WHEREAS, The Department is physically unable to accept from the Sheriffs of the various counties the custody of inmates sentenced to the custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, as mandated by N. J. S. 2C:43-10e.; and

WHEREAS, Many county penal institutions of the various counties are also presently overcrowded and are housing inmate populations in excess of their capacities while other county penal institutions have available space for additional inmates; and