formal resolution of their Boards, a policy and implementing procedures to ensure the provision of comprehensive information as well as the opportunity for maximum public comment as part of the project development process for Authority highway projects.

2. The policy and procedures for public participation shall, at a minimum, provide mechanisms for:

a. Adequate public notice to advise of a proposed project that is not an emergency or routine maintenance project; and

b. A forum which permits the Authority to make a public presentation of its plans and which allows those affected to adequately voice their opinions, recommendations and suggestions in a timely manner; and

c. The Authority to evaluate and respond to all public comments as an integral part of the project development process.


EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 173

WHEREAS, The incidence of child abuse in New Jersey is a critical public concern; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse affects not only children, but the family and community as well, and is a threat to the future productive capacity and enlightened citizenship of its victims; and

WHEREAS, By Executive Order No. 51 there was created a Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse (the “Task Force”) with a mandate to serve until January 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 110 reinstated the Task Force and changed its title to the Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Task Force have addressed with dedication the problem of child abuse and neglect within the State, initiated preventative programs, and endeavored to educate the public as to the serious social problem affecting the lives and well-being of the children of our State; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 110 expired on January 1, 1987; and
WHEREAS, There continues to be a need for the Task Force to address the areas of community education and public awareness, community support and protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect is hereby reinstated and shall continue in existence until December 31, 1989.

2. The powers and responsibilities of the Task Force pursuant to Executive Order No. 51 and Executive Order No. 110 are continued in full force and effect.

   a. The Task Force shall consist of no more than 15 public members appointed by the Governor. The members shall be appointed from among persons representing prosecutors’ offices, police departments, physicians, hospitals, schools, civic groups, public housing authorities, child advocacy organizations, public service agencies, and representatives from business and industry;

   b. The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, Corrections, and Community Affairs; the Public Advocate; the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court; the Attorney General and the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police; or their designees, shall also serve on the Task Force;

   c. Task Force vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired terms;

   d. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services or his designee shall serve as the Chairperson of the Task Force and the Governor shall designate the Co-Chairperson of the Task Force from among the public membership; and

   e. The Task Force may further organize itself in any manner it deems appropriate and conduct business and enact bylaws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the Task Force.

3. The Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect shall, with the assistance of local child services, health and educational agencies, the courts, business and labor unions, religious organizations, child advocacy groups, and State, county or municipal departments:
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a. Promote awareness of the extent of the problem of child abuse and neglect in New Jersey;
b. Mobilize citizens and community agencies in a strong, prevention-oriented, proactive effort to address child abuse and neglect;
c. Develop mechanisms to facilitate early detection and appropriate protective services to the victims of child abuse and neglect and their families, and foster cooperative working relationships between responsible agencies; and
d. Provide other information on child abuse and neglect as the Governor may request.

4. The Task Force shall meet formally at least quarterly during the life of the Task Force.

5. The Task Force shall, in performing this duty, recognize existing mechanisms for planning and coordination of services to children at the State, county and local levels, including, but not limited to, the Youth Services Commission, the Human Services Advisory Council, the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning, Child Life Protection Committee, and Special County Commissions on Child Abuse and Missing Children.

6. The Department of Human Services is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to cooperate with the Task Force and to furnish it with such staff, office space and supplies as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Order.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.


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WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States is the cornerstone for the welfare, prosperity and liberties of the people of this State and of the nation; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey was one of the original states participating in the 1787 Constitutional Convention and was the third state to ratify the Constitution, doing so unanimously on December 18, 1787; and