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WOODBINE RECEIVES \$200,000 FROM DOT FOR SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ALONG CR 550

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Transportation has awarded the Borough of Woodbine \$200,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund aid for sidewalks, flashing beacons, and crosswalk improvements along County Route 550. Work would include decorative crosswalks at three intersections, flashing school beacons at Madison Avenue, traffic calming improvements within Route 550, and a flashing stop light at the Washington Avenue intersection.

These improvements would enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety along the Route 550 corridor. Route 550 serves as an important link between State Highway 55 and the Garden State Parkway and is an alternate route to seashore/resort destinations. Concurrently, Route 550 is also serving as a detour Route during the reconstruction of the Route 49 Cape May Branch Bridge

Route 550 also serves as a major connector route/alternate for East/West traffic in Cape May County, where there is an ever increasing volume of traffic along Route 550 as seashore resorts become more of a year-round destination. Additionally, the Borough of Woodbine has facilities available to serve emergency evacuation needs, as well being a critical egress route in the event of natural and/or man-made disasters.

This funding comes at a most critical time from a standpoint of increased vehicular and truck traffic traversing the most densely populated portion of the Borough where rights-of-way conditions are deficient and/or unsafe.

“This grant dovetails nicely with the work just begun on Streetscape Phase 3. As traffic along Routes 550 and 557 increases, especially with the current Route 49 bridge closing and its detour, the need for traffic control and calming in our town center also becomes more vital,” added Mayor Pikolycky. “We are looking forward to working with the County in a cooperative effort that would ideally result in a maximization of our joint goals in addressing these serious concerns as to essential safety measures for this area both as a municipality and as a County.”