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### **WOODBINE APPLIES FOR NJDOT DISCRETIONARY AID IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$143,000**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to New Jersey Department of Transportation for discretionary aid funding in the amount of approximately \$143,000 for additional funding for its DeHirsch Avenue reconstruction project.

The Borough of Woodbine recently received bids for the reconstruction of DeHirsch Avenue between Adams Avenue and Isaacs Avenue which is being undertaken in conjunction with a companion County project on County Route 550 (CR550). South State, Inc. was the low bidder out of 3 competitive bidders on both projects with the Borough portion being \$345,525 and the County portion being \$1,635,016. The County portion involves the first phase of improvements to CR 550 covering the section of roadway from Madison Avenue to just West of Scott Avenue. Both of these projects include the use of NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund monies and are part of a Shared Services project implementation between the County and the Borough.

The County has advised the Borough that they have awarded their contract to South State and are moving forward with the project, but at this point the Borough is short of the necessary funds to complete the entire scope of work since it came in at a higher cost than anticipated.

The County and the Borough are looking at this as a Spring construction project. Working with the County, and the County taking a lead on both of these projects, did result in some cost savings but there was still a shortfall. The additional funding that was just applied for will allow the Borough to award all of the alternates by supplementing the original DOT funding for DeHirsch.

“It is our sincere hope that this additional funding request will be approved by NJDOT thereby allowing us to complete this much needed project in cooperation with the County's and their improvement of CR550”, added Mayor Pikolycky.