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WOODBINE MAKES APPLICATION FOR NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made three applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for grant funding totaling over \$830,000.

The first application, made to the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, is for reconstruction of Sumner Avenue from Tyler Road to Heilprin Avenue, including the installation of stormwater facilities to correct recurring flooding problems.

The amount requested is \$293,439.

The second application, also to the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, is for the reconstruction of Heilprin Avenue for infrastructure improvements including the installation of drainage facilities along Heilprin Avenue, especially the intersection the Heilprin and Webster. The amount requested is \$259,357.

The Borough has been experiencing major drainage problems at the Webster Avenue intersection as well as the mid block area of Heilprin Avenue between Webster Avenue and Clay Street. These areas historically flood during storm events, with flood waters regularly covering the entire width of the road. In this regard, the County of Cape May will be addressing similar drainage issues along Webster Avenue as part of an upcoming County road reconstruction project, which is presently under review for bids (starting with a request for proposals for professional engineering services for Webster Avenue/County Route 638). As the County Engineer has recognized, this is primarily because of the impact of this flooding situation on both our Community School and also on the adjacent Woodbine branch of the Cape May County Library, both of which are in that immediate area. The Borough hopes to coordinate their drainage improvements with the County's project.

The third application, in the amount of \$277,365, was made to NJDOT Municipal Aid Bikeways Program, is for the Extension of the Woodbine Bikeway System from Heilprin Avenue to Webster Avenue. This extension would lead into and through the planned Open Space recreational area and park and eventually extend to Sumner Avenue

"We thank the New Jersey Department of transportation for all of their past support for Woodbine's ongoing infrastructure projects and are hopefully for the success of these current application," concluded Mayor Pikolycky.