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WOODBINE REQUESTS \$724,900 IN DOT FUNDING FOR SAFETY UPGRADES ON COUNTY ROUTE 550

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Discretionary Aid in the amount of \$724,900 to construct improvements to 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, which will take effect October 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009 (Memorial Day), an approximately eight-month period.

Route 550 serves as a major connector route/alternate for East/West traffic in Cape May County. It is anticipated that there will be a marked increase in traffic, due to the Route 49 Bridge closure. This is in addition to the ever increasing volume of traffic along Route 550 as seashore resorts become more of a year-round destination. 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 application 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 based on DOT-funded surveys, especially now that the schoolyear pedestrian traffic has also increased,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.