

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **BIDS OPENING SET FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine is advertising for bids for its Safe Routes to Schools project. The bids will be opened on February 15, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Woodbine Municipal Building, 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded the Borough of Woodbine a grant in the amount of \$275,000 under the Safe Routes to Schools Program. This grant will go to the Phase I, Infrastructure, portion of the Woodbine Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, which is comprised of three inter-related projects. These funds were made available through the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation.

The area of the project targets the neighborhood north of DeHirsch Avenue and Route 557 and the neighborhood west of Washington Avenue.

This Pedestrian Safety component is an additional phase of the sidewalk program that will address all areas of the Borough close to the school and library that do not presently have sidewalks on both sides of the street and more distant streets that do not have sidewalks on at least one side of the street. These construction efforts will include curbing and handicapped curb cuts at intersections as necessary. This will include the east side of Isaac Avenue and the west side of Jefferson Street from Clay Street to Franklin Street, the west side of Adams Avenue from Webster Street to Clay Street, the east side of Madison Avenue from Route 550 to Longfellow Avenue.

“As we have noted before, NJDOT recognizes the overwhelming needs of communities throughout the state and their desire to improve the health of their children by promoting walking and bicycling to school,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “This much-appreciated funding will enable us to continue with this ongoing initiative. The evaluation made by the Baker Group, a consultant secured for us by the Department of Transportation, which included a local public input component, greatly assisted in identifying the safety needs addressed in this application concerning pedestrian traffic, especially as to our school children.”