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WOODBINE APPLIES FOR PHASE 4B BIKEPATH FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Bikeways program for grant funding in the amount of \$224,974.50. The funding would be used to implement Phase 4b of the bicycle/pedestrian trail project, to be constructed adjacent to the Cape May Seashore Line right-of-way and within the Woodbine Municipal Airport Property. This phase would add 2,200 linear feet of trails and link Phase 4a with the proposed Cape May Seashore Line Station. It will also connect DeHirsch Avenue with the Township of Dennis and prepare the area for extending the trail into the Airport Business Park properties during Phases 5a, b, and c of the project. The trail will thus serve as an element of the Borough's multi-modal transportation network, linking pedestrian, bicycle, air, and train traffic. Both the Cape May Seashore Lines Railroad Station and the Woodbine Municipal Airport have made commitments for accommodating bicycle riders. The rail line has added a bicycle car to accommodate the growing number of passengers with a bicycle. The Airport has plans for on-site bicycle rentals. Previous DOT grants funded the first four phases of the bikepath project, which is part of the proposed county-long Belleplain State Forest to County park bikeway. Proposed Phases 5a, 5b, and 5c will directly connect the existing pedestrian/bicycle trail along DeHirsch Avenue to the Woodbine Business Park, Woodbine Airport, and back to the section subject in this application.

"This latest phase will continue implementation of the innovative plan to provide opportunities for Borough and other local residents and County visitors to travel between various points of interest without the use of the automobile by producing a direct link to the excursion rail line linking Tuckahoe with Cape May, and with air services," noted Mayor Pikolycky.

The Borough recently held a Scope of Project meeting with the DOT concerning its Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program grant. The Department has awarded a consulting contract to an engineer to review the Borough's overall goals in regards to pedestrian and bicycling elements as to safe routes to destinations within the Borough, with an emphasis on safe bicycling and walking to school. Results of this planning grant will strengthen the Borough's applications for future DOT funding opportunities related to bicycling and walking, which dovetail with the state-wide emphasis on obesity prevention and general community healthier lifestyles.