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PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING FOR WOODBINE'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT SET FOR JUNE 3

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that there will be a preconstruction meeting concerning Woodbine's Safe Routes to School project with representatives of the Department of Transportation, contractor Charles Marandino, and Borough professionals on June 3 at 10 a.m. at the Woodbine Municipal Building. This construction will add sidewalks to approximately twelve blocks that do not currently have sidewalks. The area of the project targets the neighborhood north of DeHirsch Avenue and Route 557 and the neighborhood west of Washington Avenue.

The project is funded by a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$275,000 under the Safe Routes to Schools Program. This grant will go to the next phase, 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.

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 drainage, curbing, and handicapped curb cuts at intersections as necessary.

"We anticipate this project to get started towards the end of June and be completed within 30 to 45 days," added Mayor Pikolycky.