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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
United States House of Representatives
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: County Route 537 Corridor Improvements Section B, Freehold, Millstone and Jackson
Townships, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, 4th Congressional District

Dear Representative Smith,

On behalf of the Freehold Township, I would like to offer my full support for Monmouth County's request for Federal Aid to design roadway safety and capacity improvements along the County Route 537 corridor between MP 42.21 (County Routes 526/571) and 48.93 (Gravel Hill Rd.) in the Townships of Freehold, Millstone and Jackson. Currently, this corridor carries 20,000 vehicles per day along a roadway with a single lane in each direction and narrow shoulders. The project is needed to mitigate both traffic congestion and vehicle crashes through the corridor, as previously identified in the Western Monmouth Route 537 Corridor Study. Proposed improvements include the addition of travel lanes, shoulders and medians which will improve both traffic flow and roadway safety.

Thank you for considering Monmouth County's funding request. Freehold Township is committed to working together with the County to improve the County Route 537 corridor to better serve the transportation needs of our community. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

ANTHONY J. AMMIANO
MAYOR

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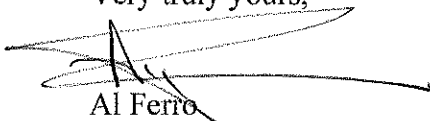
RE: County Route 537 Corridor Improvements Section B, Freehold, Millstone and Jackson
Townships, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, 4th Congressional District

Dear Representative Smith,

On behalf of the Township of Millstone, I would like to offer my full support for Monmouth County's request for Federal Aid to design roadway safety and capacity improvements along the County Route 537 corridor between MP 42.21 (County Routes 526/571) and 48.93 (Gravel Hill Rd.) in the Townships of Freehold, Millstone and Jackson. Currently, this corridor carries 20,000 vehicles per day along a roadway with a single lane in each direction and narrow shoulders. The project is needed to mitigate both traffic congestion and vehicle crashes through the corridor, as previously identified in the Western Monmouth Route 537 Corridor Study. Proposed improvements include the addition of travel lanes, shoulders and medians which will improve both traffic flow and roadway safety.

Thank you for considering Monmouth County's funding request. The Township of Millstone is committed to working together with the County to improve the County Route 537 corridor to better serve the transportation needs of our community. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Al Ferro
Mayor

cc: Township Administrator
Township Engineer

John N. Ernst, P.E., P.P.
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May 2, 2024

Honorable Congressman Christopher H. Smith, NJ-04
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Re: County Route 537 Corridor Improvements Section B, Freehold, Millstone and Jackson Townships,
Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, 4th Congressional District

Dear Congressman Smith:

On behalf of Ocean County, I would like to offer my full support for Monmouth County's request for Federal Aid to design roadway safety and capacity improvements along the County Route 537 corridor between MP 42.21 (County Routes 526/571) and 48.93 (Gravel Hill Road). The Route 537 corridor is the primary access roadway for several large traffic generators in Ocean County, including Six Flags Great Adventure and Jackson Factory Outlets. Currently, this corridor carries 20,000 vehicles per day along a roadway with a single lane in each direction and narrow shoulders. The project is needed to mitigate both traffic congestion and vehicle crashes through the corridor, as previously identified in the Western Monmouth Route 537 Corridor Study. Proposed improvements include the addition of travel lanes, shoulders and medians which will improve both traffic flow and roadway safety.

Thank you for considering Monmouth County's funding request. Ocean County is committed to working together with Monmouth County to improve the County Route 537 corridor to better serve the transportation needs of our community. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

For 
John N. Ernst
Ocean County Engineer

cc: Mark F. Jehnke, Assistant County Engineer
Joe Ettore, Monmouth County Engineer



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May 1, 2024

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United States House of Representatives
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**Subject: Federal Funding Request- New Jersey, 4th Congressional District
County Route 537 Corridor Improvements Section B
Freehold, Millstone and Jackson Townships, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties**

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners to outline our request for Federal Aid to design roadway safety and capacity improvements along the County Route 537 corridor in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

The Route 537 corridor is the primary access roadway for several large traffic generators including Six Flags Great Adventure and the Freehold Raceway Mall. Additionally, the corridor serves as a major east/west regional connection between I-195, US Route 9, NJ Route 18 and NJ Route 33. Presently, the corridor carries 20,000 vehicles per day with a single lane in each direction and narrow shoulders. Unfortunately, the communities along Route 537 are facing significant challenges due to recurring traffic congestion and frequent vehicle crashes. This project is needed to mitigate traffic congestion and is supported by the "Western Monmouth Route 537 Corridor Study". Proposed roadway improvements include the addition of travel lanes, shoulders, and medians to improve both traffic flow and roadway safety.

In collaboration with our municipal partners and Ocean County, we are requesting \$2,500,000 to begin the necessary engineering and public outreach. With your support, we are confident in our ability to undertake this critical project to serve the transportation needs of the surrounding communities.

"SEPTEMBER 2d, 1609 THIS IS A VERY GOOD LAND TO FALL IN WITH AND PLEASANT LAND TO SEE."
Entry in the log of Henry Hudson's Ship Half Moon made after the Dutch Explorer became
the first European to come ashore in what later was known as Monmouth County

To: Honorable Chris Smith
Re: Federal Funding Request

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We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and look forward to the opportunity to discuss it further. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Arnone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Thomas A. Arnone, Director
Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Michael J. Fiure, Ocean County Administrator
John Ernst, Ocean County Engineer
Mayor Alan Walker, Freehold Township
Peter Valesi, Freehold Township Administrator
Mayor Albert Ferro, Millstone Township
Kevin Abernethy, Millstone Township Administrator
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