

## **Surface Transportation Authorization Act Project Requests for NJ-04**

*The following projects were submitted to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration for federal support. They are listed alphabetically by project title.*

**Assunpink Creek Trenton Bicycle Pedestrian Trail:** This project would allow for the design and construction of this inner city bicycle/pedestrian trail. The Assunpink Creek Trail will link three existing parks and connect with the new Trenton Train Station which is a major stop for commuters and is also adjacent to the Trenton to Camden Light Rail Line. The new bike/pedestrian trail would also connect to several existing regional bike and pedestrian trails. Requested amount \$6,640,000.

**Brick Township and Route 70 and Chambers Bridge Road Streetscape and Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvement Project:** This initiative will improve conditions in the busy Brick Township commercial and commuter hub area. It is designed to enhance and make safer Chambers Bridge Road from Cedarwood Drive to Brick Boulevard and also Route 70 from Chambers Bridge Road to Cedar Bridge Avenue. Improvements include crosswalks, safer pedestrian access points at professional and public facilities, and overall streetscape enhancements. Requested amount \$2,000,000.

**Brookdale Community College Intermodal Bus Improvements:** This project includes the installation of a 200 space environmentally friendly parking facility at Brookdale Community College's Freehold location which is adjacent to a New Jersey Transit Bus Stop. The facility will serve residents of the area and members of the college's community. Requested amount \$800,000.

**Campus Drive Extension between Route 130 and Salem Road:** Burlington County has been working on this project for several years. It includes installing a traffic signal and jughandles at Route 130 near Salem Road. This initiative is part of the transportation plan that will allow a new section of Campus Drive to connect with Sunset Road, leading to Salem Road. When completed, heavy vehicular traffic will be diverted off residential Salem Road where congestion, noise, and pollution have frustrated residents living in the area. Requested Amount \$2,000,000.

**Lakewood Multi-Modal Facility (Ocean County/NJTransit):** This project is aimed at reducing vehicle congestion and enhancing flow of traffic in and around the growing and densely populated Lakewood Township area. Lakewood's population grew 34% from 1990 to 2000 and The American Communities Survey puts its current population at 86,000, up from 67,000 in 2000. To address this booming growth, Lakewood is planning a Downtown Multi-Modal facility that will provide access to buses and shuttles along with a much needed parking deck. The center will serve as the hub for Lakewood's new local shuttle transit system, allowing customers to park and use Lakewood's shuttles and other buses to circulate throughout downtown and elsewhere. Requested amount \$7,300,000.

#### **Monmouth County Surface Transportation Program Route 537/34**

**Interchange Improvements:** This has been described as one of Monmouth County's most immediate transportation infrastructure challenges. After many years, this former proposal is now advancing into the design and construction phases. While the plan for this intersection will relieve congestion, it will also greatly enhance safety. Route 34 in this area experienced a crash rate of nearly one and a half times the statewide average during a recent three-year study period, with two-thirds of the crashes occurring within 0.3 miles of the intersection. Requested amount \$5,000,000.

**New Jersey Turnpike Sound Barrier Study:** This project would allow for the study and design of sound barriers along a section of the New Jersey Turnpike in Hamilton Township that is being widened. The barriers would help muffle noise heard by the residents who live in the area. Requested amount \$50,000.

**Planning and Construction of South Clinton Avenue in Hamilton Township:** This project allows for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of South Clinton Avenue, a heavily traveled roadway in Hamilton, New Jersey, which is one of the major routes leading to the new Trenton Train Station on North Clinton Avenue in the City of Trenton. Requested amount \$1,500,000.

**Route 130/Neck Road (CR 658) Intersection Project:** This intersection is at the busy and sometimes dangerous intersection of a major State Highway and County Road. Left turns are now being made from an antiquated left turn auxiliary lane in the middle of the narrow road. New jughandles are definitely needed at the intersection to safely accommodate "U" turns and left turns. There are many warehouses along Route 130, and tractor trailers servicing them need to make "U" turns on Route 130 to gain access to New Jersey Turnpike Bordentown Interchange 6. Requested amount \$2,000,000.

**Route 9 Bus Shoulder Improvements:** This initiative involves Central New Jersey's heavily traveled Route 9 which continues to become more congested every year. The Route 9 shoulder lane project involves the construction of improvements to allow transit buses to use shoulder lanes during peak travel periods. Allowing buses to use these lanes will reduce trip times and attract more riders while allowing the smoother flow of regular traffic. Requested amount \$12,500,000.

**The MOM Line:** The proposed "Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex" Rail Line Project is strongly supported by the 4th Congressional District counties of Monmouth and Ocean. There are far too many residents in this growing Central New Jersey area that are being denied any direct access to passenger rail service. Construction of the MOM Line will give Central New Jersey residents a direct passenger link into Northern New Jersey and New York City, addressing the growing and long standing demands placed on the existing Central New Jersey highway system. Requested amount \$8,800,000.

**Trenton Route 29 Conversion:** This project converts New Jersey State Route 29 from a higher-speed, limited-access highway into a safer, full-access freeway boulevard. It is located in the City of Trenton, which reports the plan is the result of extensive public

consensus that has been building for the last five-years. Route 29, built in the 1970's along the scenic Delaware River, cuts off downtown Trenton from the river and its many attributes. The project will also improve traffic safety, provide better connections to downtown Trenton's street network, reduce flooding, and dramatically improve access to the Delaware River. Route 29 floods under heavy rains, severely limiting and sometimes halting commuting traffic into the city, which hosts a large number of state workers in New Jersey's capitol. By making these improvements, 14 acres of land now used for access ramps and highway will be transformed into prime, developable waterfront property. Requested amount \$45,000,000.