

TOWNSHIP OF WALL

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April 30, 2024

Re: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending & Community Project- Route 18 Bike Path Extension/Overpass Project Letter of Support Township of Wall, Monmouth County, NJ

Dear Representative Smith:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Wall to support the Township's Congressionally Directed Spending & Community Project Funding request for the Route 18 Bike Path Extension/Overpass Project.

The proposed project will provide a direct connection between the north and south sections of our municipality that have been divided by State Route 138 which is an extension of federal highway Route 195. The absence of a safe passage across these thoroughfares eliminates recreation opportunities for our residents and especially their children. As the Township Administrator of the Township of Wall, I have experienced the frustration by our municipal recreation staff and the local youth organizations as they attempt to design and deliver services while dealing with this man-made divide.

Therefore, I would like to express my support for the Township's unique proposal and appreciate your consideration that it be included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations process.

The proposed improvements for the Route 18 Bike Path Extension/Overpass Project include the construction of a dedicated bicycle overpass that will connect on either side of NJ Route 138 and will complete segments from the Municipal Complex to the Historic Camp Evans, North Wall Little League and Brookdale Community College. In fact, the completion of this project will also link this section of the community to Allaire State Park and the beaches of Manasquan, NJ.

On behalf of the Township of Wall, I would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated efforts on this worthwhile unique project. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-449-8444 ext. 2216 or via e-mail at jbertrand@wallnj.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Bertrand

Township Administrator



Mayor Kevin Orender
Township of Wall
2700 Allaire Road
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Re: Route 18 Bike Path Extension
Letter of Support
Township of Wall, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Orender:

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and the Board of Directors of the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce to support Wall Township's application for funding. The Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce is a regional chamber of commerce serving coastal communities primarily in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce, formerly the Southern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Wall Area Chamber of Commerce, was established in 1979. The Chamber is a voluntary partnership of men and women who are actively involved in local business enterprises, and civic and not-for-profit groups. The Chamber works to promote strong civic spirit, a robust and thriving business environment, and a vibrant quality of life for the individuals and families who live and work in our communities.

As Executive Director of the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my support, as well as my board of director's support, for the Township's grant application to obtain funding for pedestrian safety and bikeway infrastructure. The project will extend the existing Route 18 Bike Path by constructing an overpass over Route 138. It will connect either side of Route 138 and will complete segments from the Municipal Complex to Camp Evans and North Wall Little League. This infrastructure will have a tremendous positive impact on our community by enabling more access to outside recreational activities.

We work closely with Wall Township in support of business and community. Many of our members' children attend Wall High School and also participate in sports at the Municipal Complex, attend events at Camp Evans and use the North Wall Little League. We fully support the Township's initiative to encourage biking, increase pedestrian safety, and improve quality of life for our residents and visitors. This bikeway infrastructure will make travel for our children safer and offer them the opportunity to increase their physical activity and help in their pursuit of independence and maturity.

We, the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce, support the Township's efforts in pursuing funding and respectfully request strong consideration of the grant application.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Mars
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March 28, 2024

Mayor Tim Farrell
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RE: Route 18 Bike Path Extension

Dear Mayor Farrell:

As the State Senator representing the 30th District of which Wall Township is a part of, I would like to express my support for the Township's grant application to obtain funding for the pedestrian safety and bikeway infrastructure. The project will extend the existing Route 18 Bike Path by constructing an overpass over Route 138. It will connect either side of Route 138 and will complete segments from the Municipal Complex to Camp Evans and North Wall Little League. These improvements will provide pedestrians and cyclists with safety while encouraging biking and increasing the quality of life.

The Township of Wall would benefit greatly from a bicycle and pedestrian network linking residential areas to parks, open spaces, and schools. Families and children could safely bike or walk to parks and school on such a network.

The safety and well-being of our residents is of the utmost importance. Therefore, I respectfully request your strong consideration of the grant application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Singer
Senator, District 30

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Dr. Tracy Handerhan
Superintendent of Schools

November 12, 2023

Mayor Tim Farrell
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Re: NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant Program
Letter of Support
SRS-2024-Route 18 Bike Path Extension-00013
Township of Wall, Monmouth County, New Jersey

Dear Mayor Farrell:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the **Wall Township Board of Education** to extend our **enthusiastic support** for the Township's application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in pursuit of funding through the **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant Program**.

This application seeks to secure funding that will lead to critical safety enhancements for the students of Wall High School as well as the broader community. The proposed improvements are vital for ensuring the safety of our students who choose to bike and walk to and from school.

We understand that the proposed project envisions the construction of a dedicated bicycle overpass over Route 138, commencing at the intersection of Bailey Road and NJ-138 on the northern side and culminating at Wall High School on the southern side. Route 138 bisects the Township and creates a serious safety concern for pedestrians and cyclists attempting to cross its six lanes of traffic at New Bedford Road. This overpass will seamlessly connect both sides of Route 138, opening opportunities for future bike path extensions at street level, thereby increasing the total mileage of safe biking paths. Furthermore, it will facilitate access to significant Township-owned facilities such as the Municipal Complex, Camp Evans, and North Wall Little League.

It is our understanding that maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by the Township of Wall.

The anticipated project is not only a significant step towards enhanced safety, but also a substantial improvement in the overall transportation experience for our high school students who bike to school. We firmly believe that these proposed activities are aligned with the objectives of the SRTS program and that supporting this project financially will represent a remarkable opportunity for the Township to elevate student safety standards.

The Wall Township Board of Education is committed to endorsing and actively participating in the Township's endeavor to secure NJDOT SRTS funding. We are prepared to collaborate closely with the Township to ensure the successful realization of this project through collaborative design planning and coordinated execution. Our shared aim is to foster safety, promote walking and biking to school, and



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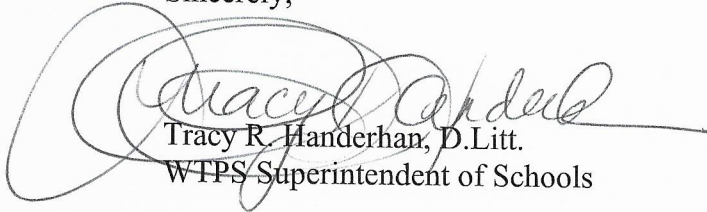
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enhance the walking and biking infrastructure for all students in our district and other users of these routes.

We wish to convey our wholehearted support of this endeavor and look forward to the positive impact that it will have on the safety and well-being of our students and the community at large.

Sincerely,



Tracy R. Handerhan, D.Litt.
WTPS Superintendent of Schools

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As the Mayor of the Township of Wall, I would like to express my support for the Township's proposal and appreciate your consideration that it be included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations process.

The Township of Wall fully supports the proposal as the Township has many important and impactful projects that need funding.

The proposed improvements for the Route 18 Bike Path Extension/Overpass Project include the construction of a dedicated bicycle overpass that will connect on either side of NJ Route 138 and will complete segments from the Municipal Complex to Camp Evans and North Wall Little League.

On behalf of the Township of Wall, I support the Township's efforts in pursuing full funding and respectfully request strong consideration of the appropriations request.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Orender
Mayor