

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Chris Smith
U.S. Congressman, NJ District 4
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is pleased to support the request to include the project, Mercer County Roadway Safety Improvements (DB #D0412), for funding consideration by the U.S. House of Representatives. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greater Philadelphia Region which includes a diverse region of nine counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer in New Jersey, DVRPC works with stakeholders to approve and advance Federal transportation infrastructure investment in the region.

DVRPC supports the project, Mercer County Roadway Safety Improvements (DB #D0412). It is biennially funded with the region's very limited STBGP Trenton urbanized area funds of the FY2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for New Jersey. The amount requested is shown in the TIP. At an annual level of not even \$5 million STBGP-Trenton urbanized area funds for one of our major cities and counties, it has been increasingly challenging for the region to fund all current TIP projects and to add new projects to the program, though they may be valuable and effective in improving our transportation network, throughout Mercer County.

Creating a modern multi-modal transportation system is part of DVRPC's vision for the Delaware Valley. Our transportation network is already expansive and interconnected. Targeted investments, such as this project, will enhance its performance and better integrate facilities that will result in benefits for Greater Philadelphia residents, businesses, and visitors, particularly for those in Mercer County.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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