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For many years, the Township has worked to improve the safety of our roadways. The requested funding will help us complete highly important safety improvements to Kings Highway, and we ask for your support in making that happen.

If you need any additional detail about the project or its benefits, please contact me.



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Thomas A. Arnone, Director Board of County Commissioners

c: Anthony S. Perry, Mayor, Middletown Township Anthony P. Mercantante, Administrator Middletown Township Ted Maloney, Engineer, Middletown Township Board of County Commissioners Teri O'Connor, County Administrator John W. Tobia, Director of Public Works and Engineering Joseph M. Ettore, County Engineer ***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

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NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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