

BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT BEACH

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The Honorable Chris Smith
4th U.S. Congressional District
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 26, 2021

Dear Rep. Smith,

On behalf of the residents of the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, I am respectfully requesting federal financial assistance to support the borough's \$1.75 million Channel Drive Accessibility Project. The borough is willing to carry out this project and is able to obligate its share, or twenty percent, of the funding within three years.

As you are aware, the Borough of Point Pleasant Beach is a small beach town in the northeastern corner of Ocean County whose local economy depends on the seasonal visitors we work hard to attract every year. Our beaches and boardwalk are unparalleled; our historic downtown is home to some of the most sought-after antique stores, dining establishments and a local microbrewery, and unique shopping experiences; and, we host one of the state's most profitable commercial and recreational fishing ports – the backbone upon which our town was built.

At the heart of our fishing industry is Channel Drive. It borders the northernmost part of town, along the scenic Manasquan River, and is home to commercial fishing boats and processing plants, recreational charter and tour boats, and some of the finest seafood restaurants on the Jersey Shore. Unfortunately, this area is becoming blighted and is in dire need of revitalization, specifically with a focus on improving accessibility and safety. We envision the new Channel Drive to encapsulate our maritime history and highlight our safe, scenic location while providing ample opportunity to host events, offer the finest seafood, and provide plenty opportunities for passive and active recreation to all residents and visitors regardless of their abilities or background.

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In order to make this area of town a thriving destination, the borough needs to drastically improve its accessibility and safety. The curbs and sidewalks are in a state of disrepair, exacerbated by poorly placed utility poles and inadequate storm drainage. In some places along Channel Drive, the sidewalk is as narrow as two and a half feet which is wholly inadequate for an able-bodied person, let alone a person with disabilities or a wheelchair user. Some utility poles are located in the middle of the pedestrian right of way, forcing pedestrians to step out into the road to continue down the street.

Our proposed accessibility improvements include new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps leading into stamped-concrete crosswalks in contrasting colors for those with vision restrictions. These crosswalks would also serve as traffic calming devices to ensure motorists are paying attention to pedestrians and cyclists. We also propose installing new signage and street lighting for better visibility and wayfinding assistance, as well as ADA-compliant benches situated off of the sidewalk and at the appropriate height with adequate space to accommodate a wheelchair. Other aesthetic improvements include streetscaping, landscaping, and installing bike racks to encourage visitors who prefer to cycle or who may not have their own transportation.

The largest, most fiscally-demanding components of the project were quoted by our borough engineer as follows:

- Removal and replacement of 12 utility poles - \$332,500.00
- Removal and replacement of curbing, sidewalks, ADA-ramps, and driveway aprons- \$571,025.00
- ADA-compliant, color-contrasting crosswalks, pavement markings and signage - \$127,760.00
- Lighting, landscaping, ADA-compliant benches, bike racks and bus shelters - \$122,500.00

Most critically, a revamped and newly-accessible Channel Drive would bring a steady stream of new tax revenue to the town and offer new opportunities for local employment, thus boosting our entire local economy. Providing a small, tourist town like Point Pleasant Beach – which was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and is often overlooked by state assistance programs due to our diminutive year-round population – the financial opportunity for federal taxpayer dollars to improve accessibility and safety for all residents and visitors would be an enormous boon to the town. We work hard as a borough to welcome everyone and provide a safe and family-

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friendly environment for all to enjoy our beautiful waterfront, beach, boardwalk, and downtown.

So welcomed was our accessibility revitalization proposal that a number of local businesses and developers along Channel Drive have offered a personal financial contribution to off-set the cost of the project. Additionally, citizen-based volunteer groups and municipal committees submitted their written support for this project. We know that all residents of the borough would welcome this funding and we anticipate receiving more local financial support, if funded.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Kanitra, Mayor
Borough of Point Pleasant Beach

Enclosure:
Preliminary Costs - Channel Drive Accessibility Project



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**PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE
CHANNEL DRIVE ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT
Borough of Point Pleasant Beach, Ocean County, New Jersey
MC Project No. POB-022
November 2020**

Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2	SITE CLEARING, DEMOLITION AND DISPOSAL	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
3	MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
4	REMOVE AND REPLACE METAL GUIDE RAIL	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
5	REMOVE AND REPLACE BLOCK RETAINING WALL	1	LS	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
6	REMOVE UTILITY POLE	1	UNIT	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
7	REMOVE AND REPLACE UTILITY POLE (NO TRANSFORMERS, NO LIGHT, NOT IN INT.)	1	UNIT	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
8	REMOVE AND REPLACE UTILITY POLE (NO TRANSFORMERS, ONE LIGHT, NOT IN INT.)	9	UNIT	\$30,000.00	\$270,000.00
9	REMOVE AND REPLACE UTILITY POLE (ONE TRANSFORMERS, NO LIGHT, NOT IN INT.)	1	UNIT	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
10	REMOVE CONCRETE CURB	5,800	LF	\$5.00	\$29,000.00
11	REMOVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APRONS	2,575	SY	\$15.00	\$38,625.00
12	8" x 18" CONCRETE VERTICAL CURB (IF & WHERE DIRECTED)	5,800	LF	\$30.00	\$174,000.00
13	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, 4" THICK	2,520	SY	\$75.00	\$189,000.00
14	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE	18	SY	\$300.00	\$5,400.00
15	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, REINFORCED, 6" THICK	1,350	SY	\$100.00	\$135,000.00
16	CONCRETE PAD, REINFORCED, 6" THICK	150	SY	\$100.00	\$15,000.00
17	SAWCUT	1,200	LF	\$3.00	\$3,600.00
18	EXCAVATION, UNCLASSIFIED	1,100	CY	\$40.00	\$44,000.00
19	DENSE-GRADED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, 6" THICK	400	SY	\$10.00	\$4,000.00
20	HOT MIX ASPHALT 19M64 BASE COURSE, 4" THICK	48	TON	\$85.00	\$4,080.00
21	HOT MIX ASPHALT 9.5M64 SURFACE COURSE, 2" THICK	96	TON	\$85.00	\$8,160.00
22	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (BROADWAY WEST INTERSECTION)	48	SY	\$170.00	\$8,160.00
23	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (ST. LOUIS AVENUE INTERSECTION)	157	SY	\$170.00	\$26,690.00
24	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (CHICAGO AVENUE INTERSECTION)	120	SY	\$170.00	\$20,400.00
25	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (BALTIMORE AVENUE INTERSECTION)	168	SY	\$170.00	\$28,560.00
26	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (BOSTON AVENUE INTERSECTION)	134	SY	\$170.00	\$22,780.00
27	DECORATIVE CROSSWALK APPLICATION (BROADWAY EAST INTERSECTION)	49	SY	\$170.00	\$8,330.00
28	PAVEMENT MARKINGS	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
29	TRAFFIC/CROSSING SIGN	20	UNIT	\$300.00	\$6,000.00
30	DECORATIVE STREET LIGHT FIXTURE WITH 18 FT POLE	22	UNIT	\$3,000.00	\$66,000.00
31	TRASH RECEPTACLE	9	UNIT	\$500.00	\$4,500.00
32	BENCH	9	UNIT	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
33	BICYCLE RACK	4	UNIT	\$750.00	\$3,000.00
34	BUS SHELTER	4	UNIT	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
35	SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	1	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
36	GENERAL SITE RESTORATION	1	LS	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
37	PAVER RESTORATION (IF & WHERE DIRECTED)	10	SY	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
38	STONE RESTORATION, 4" THICK (IF & WHERE DIRECTED)	300	SY	\$25.00	\$7,500.00
39	TOPSOILING, 4" THICK	2,000	SY	\$4.00	\$8,000.00
40	FERTILIZING & SEEDING, TYPE A-3	2,000	SY	\$2.50	\$5,000.00
41	STRAW MULCHING	2,000	SY	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST					\$1,399,785.00
12.5% ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PERMITTING					\$174,973.13
12.5% CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION					\$174,973.13
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST					\$1,749,731.25
SAY					\$1,750,000.00

NOTES:

- 1.) The cost estimate contained herein is an opinion of the construction cost.
- 2.) The unit pricing included herein is based upon available pricing indices or this firm's historical experience in the general geographical area. It is only an approximation and shall not be used for any other purpose than informational budgetary estimate. Actual construction costs are based upon current market conditions and other constructability factors.
- 3.) This preliminary construction cost estimate is for the improvement line items noted above. This cost estimate excludes all other improvement items, fees for easements, acquisitions, contingencies and any costs due to unforeseen site conditions.
- 4.) The provider of this estimate implies no control over these services described and are subject to site planning and contract bidding prior to construction.
- 5.) Alternate bid items may be utilized subject to availability of funding.

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