

September 28, 2018

Mayor Jesse Tweedle, Sr. City of Pleasantville 17 North First Street Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232

Re: 2018 NJDOT Grant Applications

City of Pleasantville, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Bike-2019-Pleasantville City-00020 MA-2019-Pleasantville City-00017 SST-2019-Pleasantville City-00003 TV-2019-Pleasantville City-00001

Dear Mayor Tweedle:

We strongly support the Pleasantville's New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Grant applications to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The City of Pleasantville continues to pursue grants to improved access for all in accordance with its adopted Complete Streets Policy and its Transportation Village designation. The City is pursuing four NJDOT grants to continue the effort to enhance safe access:

- 1. Local Aid to continue the City paving program by providing funding for improvements to Decatur Avenue from Route 9 to Chestnut Avenue.
- Transit Village Grant The City has completed streetscape improvements on South Main Street from Route 9 to Ansley Boulevard and is designing similar improvements for Ansley Boulevard. This Transit Village Grant will compliment these projects by funding roadway improvements on Prospect Avenue from Wright Avenue to Ansley Boulevard.
- 3. **Bikeway Grant** to continue to install energy efficient LED lighting along the Pleasantville Bike Path. Atlantic County is very fortunate to have an off-route bikeway that extends from Pleasantville to Ocean City. This facility is enjoyed by many who live, work and recreate in our region; however, a section of the Pleasantville portion of the Bikeway from Decatur Avenue to Milan Avenue does not have lighting. By adding lighting, this thirteen-mile Bike Path can be used in the early morning and evening by bicyclist who commute to work and by those who simply use this facility for recreation. In addition, this lighting project will enhance the safety of the bike path.
- 4. Safe Streets to Transit Grant The intersection of US Route 9 and Woodland Avenue is frequently used by pedestrians especially school children from the High School and Middle School. This critical intersection was prioritized for improvements in the NJDOT funded *Pleasantville Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*. Planned improvements include improved crosswalks, pedestrian signals, sidewalks on Park Avenue and improved lighting.

We support these very important projects and encouraged funding under the NJDOT Grant Program.

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Regards,

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