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FREEHOLDERS REVIEW 2010 ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN

County to Bond \$9.1M for \$27M Construction Projects That Improve Safety

The Freeholders today reviewed Acting County Engineer Jeffrey E. Wright's \$27 million plan for improvements to the County's roads and bridges in 2010. A resolution to authorize the funding plan will be listed on the public agenda for April 28.

The anticipated total cost of projects to be constructed in the 2010 Plan is \$26,940,000 that includes \$10.94M in federal funds, \$6.05M in state funds, \$6.7M in previous County bond funds and \$3.25M in new County bond funds.

The \$9.1M in the 2010 County Bond Ordinance provides the new bond funds for construction projects, as well as funding for acquisition, design, professional fees and for projects for which the County will be reimbursed.

The largest single project in the 2010 Forecast is the Overlay Program that is scheduled to resurface and maintain 21 roads in 21 municipalities for a total of 39.5 miles at an estimated cost of \$9.8M, coming from a combination of the NJ Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Stimulus (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds and County funds.

The 2010 Plan also includes five bridge/culvert projects, three intersection improvements, three safety projects, one project affecting 23 traffic signals, road restriping, a guiderail project, and a pedestrian improvement project.

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“This is an outstanding plan to improve safety and perform essential maintenance to our infrastructure with minimum impact on our budget,” Freeholder Deputy Director Joseph B. Donnelly said. “Being prepared with projects eligible for stimulus money saved County taxpayers \$8M and helped us stay on track with our plan to maintain the County roads, bridges and related improvements.”

The county highway network includes 508 miles of county roads, 364 bridges, 700 culverts, more than 243 traffic control devices and 17,000 signs.

Road Resurfacing

Eighteen (18) county roads in 17 municipalities for a total of 27.4 miles are scheduled to be resurfaced using State and County funds. They include:

- 5 miles of Front Street/River Road (County Route 656) from Pine Street in Florence through Burlington Township to the Assiscunk Creek in Burlington City
- 1.2 miles of Cedar Lane (CR659) from Route 130 to Wilbur Henry Drive in Florence
- 1.6 miles of Columbus Road (CR543) from Old York Road (CR660) in Florence to Neck Road in Burlington Township
- 1.4 miles of Levitt Parkway (CR630) from Kennedy Way (CR633) in Willingboro to Rancocas Road (CR635) in Westampton (westbound lanes only)
- 2 miles of Kennedy Way (CR633) from Beverly-Rancocas Road (CR626) in Willingboro to Salem Road in Burlington Township
- 0.9 miles of Bridge Street (CR635) from Rancocas Road (CR626) in Willingboro and Westampton to Centerton Road in Mount Laurel
- 1 mile of Bridgeboro Road (CR613) from Stanwick Road in Moorestown to the Delran border
- 1.2 miles of Highland Avenue (CR602) from Route 130 in Cinnaminson to Broad Street in Palmyra
- 1 mile of Old Marlton Pike (CR600) from Centre Boulevard in Evesham to the Camden County border
- 1 mile of Evesboro-Medford Road (CR618) from 700 feet east of Troth Road in Evesham to 1,000 feet west of Route 70 in Medford
- 2.5 miles of Taunton Boulevard (CR623) from Hartford Road to Tomlinson Mill Road in Medford
- 1.6 miles of Rancocas Road (CR626) from the Mount Holly Bypass (CR541) to Irick Road (CR637) in Westampton
- 0.6 miles of Main Street (CR691) from Route 38 to the Mount Holly Bypass (CR541) in Lumberton
- 0.7 miles of Pine Street (CR612) from Mill Street (CR537) to South Avenue (CR683) in Mount Holly

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- 1.2 miles of Woodlane Road (CR630) from 0.5 miles east of Monmouth Road (CR537) to Route 206 in Eastampton
- 0.2 miles of Fort Dix Road (CR545) from Main Street to 1,000 feet south of Main Street in Wrightstown
- 1.8 miles of Main Street/Wrightstown-Cookstown Road (CR616) from Railroad Avenue/Rexall Avenue in Wrightstown to Arnold Avenue in New Hanover
- 2.5 miles of Juliustown-Browns Mills Road (CR669) from Pemberton-Browns Mills Road (CR530) to Pointville Road in Pemberton

An additional three County roads in six municipalities for a total of 12.1 miles will be resurfaced using \$2.6M in ARRA (federal stimulus) funding.

- 4.4 miles of Marne Highway (CR537) from Hartford Road (CR686) to the Mount Holly Bypass (CR541) in Mount Laurel and Hainesport
- 5.5 miles of Old York Road (CR660) from Columbus Road (CR543) to Hedding-Kinkora Road (CR678) in Florence and Mansfield, and from Bordentown-Georgetown Road (CR545) to Crosswicks-Chesterfield Road (CR677) in Chesterfield
- 2.2 miles of Jacksonville-Hedding Road (CR628) from Old York Road (CR660) to Columbus Road (CR543) in Mansfield

Bridge and Culvert Projects

A total of five projects are scheduled at an estimated cost of \$6.2M, from new and previous County Bond funds, and Federal Highway Administration funds.

The largest project (estimated to be \$2.4M) is the replacement of the Crispin Road Bridge over the South Branch of Rancocas Creek between Fostertown Road (County Route 636) and Creek Road (CR640) in Lumberton. The existing timber bridge will be replaced with a wider pre-stressed concrete bridge with a bike/pedestrian path and realignment of the existing road curve for safety.

Rehabilitation of the bridge over the Assiscunk Creek on Jacksonville-Jobstown Road (CR670) between Warner Road and Mount Holly-Jacksonville Road is expected to cost \$1.35M. Construction will include replacing the concrete bridge deck and steel support beams, constructing concrete parapets and guiderail and installing streambed scour protection around the bridge abutments.

A new 48-inch diameter concrete culvert with headwalls will be constructed, along with water quality swales along Monmouth Road (CR537) in North Hanover, for an estimated \$600,000.

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Approximately \$300,000 will fund replacement of a 24-inch metal pipe culvert under Tuckerton Road (CR620) in Medford Lakes near Sioux Lake. There is a proposal to coordinate reconstructing the spillway adjacent to the culvert with Medford Lakes Colony Club. The spillway is the property of the Colony Club.

The Plan includes appropriating \$500,000 for the second year of a three-year contract to perform any emergency bridge repairs beyond the capability of the County Highway Department Bridge Section and too urgent to delay for the normal bidding process.

Intersection Improvements

Construction at Marne Highway (CR537) and Hartford Road (CR686) in Mount Laurel will complete the intersection improvements that required acquisition and demolition. It is estimated to cost \$2M to provide left-turn lanes on all approaches, a new concrete railroad crossing and new traffic signal equipment.

The current Y-intersection of Creek Road (CR625) and Coopertown Road (CR624) in Delanco will be realigned to a 90-degree intersection to improve safety and accommodate increased traffic from nearby development. Previous County bond funds will fund the estimated \$1M project.

The intersection of Hartford Road (CR686) and Elbo Lane (CR612) in Mount Laurel will be widened to provide turn lanes in both directions along Hartford Road, and construction expected to cost \$600,000, will include curb, sidewalks and drainage improvements.

Traffic Signal Upgrade and Coordination

This Closed Loop project will include installation of fiber optic cable, upgraded signal equipment and cameras to provide better signal coordination with 23 traffic signals along Sunset Road and Levitt Parkway in the Burlington Township/Willingboro/Westampton area; and along Stokes Road (CR541) in Medford and Medford Lakes. It is estimated to cost \$5.4M and to be funded by Federal Stimulus Funds.

Road Restriping

Approximately 300 miles of County roads will be striped using an estimated \$750,000 in federal funds.

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Safety Projects

A new corrugated, interlocking steel sheet pile retaining wall will be constructed along the banks of the North Branch of Rancocas Creek to address erosion and protect the foundation of county-owned 50 Rancocas Road office building. Construction is estimated at \$700,000.

Sixteen existing traffic signals and 30 emergency response vehicles will have GPS-based system equipment installed to allow emergency personnel to regulate the signal to improve response time and safety for other motorists. The \$450,000 project will be funded by the Federal Highway Administration and will be installed along Burlington-Mount Holly Road (CR541) from Route 130 in Burlington to Route 38 in Lumberton. It also will be installed along Church Street (CR607) from Route 38 in Mount Laurel to Route 70 in Evesham.

An estimated \$360,000 in federal funds will provide installation of a new traffic signal at High Street (CR691) at Fairgrounds Square Plaza to improve safety. Also, two closed circuit TV cameras to improve traffic flow at existing signalized intersections will be installed - one at CR541 and Fountain Avenue in Burlington Township and the other at South Church Street near Ramblewood Parkway.

Guiderail Contract

The project plans to replace existing guiderail that is deteriorating along three County roads scheduled for resurfacing to meet federal standards. The estimated \$500,000 construction will be supported with County funds.

Pedestrian Improvements

The project will provide two pedestrian crossing beacons on Mill Street at Sunset Drive and Paddock Way in Mount Holly as well as handicap ramps, sidewalk improvements and enhanced crosswalks to address pedestrian safety along school routes on Mill Street, Branch Street and Pine Street. The township is contributing to the \$200,000 construction with a Safe Routes to School Grant it received.

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