

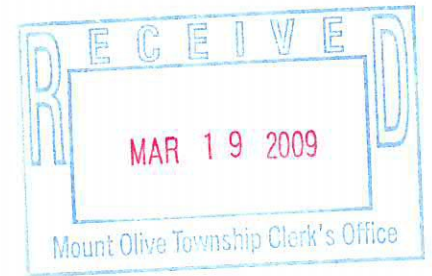


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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JON S. CORZINE
Governor

STEPHEN DILTS
Commissioner



March 16, 2009

Dear Mayor:

On behalf of Governor Jon S. Corzine, I am pleased to announce that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) *Municipal Aid, Bikeway, Centers of Place, Transit Village, and Safe Streets to Transit Programs*. The Governor and I are committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure by providing financial assistance to counties and municipalities for traditional and non-traditional transportation initiatives.

The following is a brief description of each program:

- **Municipal Aid** - This program has been a significant resource for municipalities in funding local transportation projects. All municipalities are eligible. The Department continues to encourage municipalities to consider using the Municipal Aid Program to fund projects that support walking and biking in their communities. NJDOT has set a goal to award 10% of the Municipal Aid Program funds to projects such as pedestrian safety improvements, bikeways and streetscapes.
- **Bikeway** - This program is available to all counties and municipalities. The Department continues to work toward the goal of achieving 1,000 miles of dedicated bikeways in New Jersey. Special consideration will be given to bikeways that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier.
- **Centers of Place** - This program provides funding to municipalities, which have formally participated in implementation of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan for non-traditional transportation improvements that advance municipal growth management objectives and improve quality of life. Please note that the list of eligible municipalities has changed since the last funding cycle. The current list is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/centerplace.shtm>.

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- **Safe Streets to Transit** - One element of Governor Corzine's Pedestrian Safety Initiative administered by NJDOT is the Safe Streets to Transit program. The intent of this program is to encourage counties and municipalities to construct safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities, in order to promote increased usage of transit by all segments of the population.
- **Transit Village** - This program will award grants for traditional and non-traditional transportation projects that enhance walking, biking and/or transit rider ship within 1/2 mile of the transit facility. Only New Jersey municipalities that have been designated as Transit Villages by the Commissioner of Transportation and the inter-agency Transit Village Task Force are eligible to apply. Eligible town list can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/transitvillagef.shtm>

Complete descriptions and application guidance materials for each of these programs can be found on the NJDOT website at www.state.nj.us/transit/business/localaid/stateaid.shtm.

If you choose to apply, please consider the following in your applications. NJDOT requires grant projects to be delivered to construction award within eighteen months of grant agreement execution. Please provide background information in the application to support your project's construction readiness. This information will be considered carefully in our evaluation of applications.

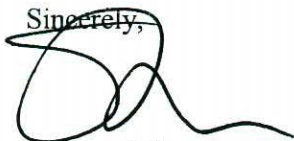
I encourage you to submit applications for these Local Aid programs. Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category.

The enclosed map provides contact information for each Local Aid District Office. Please keep in mind that a separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or before June 12, 2009 on-line through SAGE at

<https://treasuryapps.state.nj.us/NJDOTSAGE>

We recommend that you consult with your Local Aid District Office to assist in preparing applications for funding. Thank you for your continued interest and support of NJDOT, and best wishes for success with your project applications.

Sincerely,



Stephen Dilts
Commissioner

Enclosure

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