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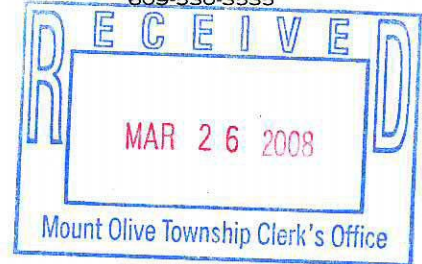
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Dear Mayor:

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, Historic Bridge, 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.

Please be advised that NJDOT is initiating a new online application process known as SAGE, the System for Administrating Grants Electronically. SAGE can be accessed at:

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

Training videos and user guides for accessing the application are located on the website.

The following is a brief description of each program:

- **Municipal Aid** - This program has been a significant resource for municipalities in funding their transportation projects. All municipalities are eligible to apply for funds through the program. 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.
- **Historic Bridge Preservation** - This program provides funding to counties for minor bridge repair and enhanced bridge maintenance to prolong the life span of New Jersey's historic bridges.
- **Bikeway** - This program is available to all counties and municipalities. The Department continues to work toward our 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 designated centers for non-traditional transportation improvements that advance municipal growth management objectives and improve quality of life. A current list of designated centers is available at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/centerplace.shtm>.

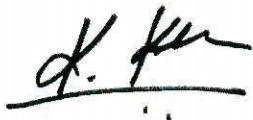
- **Safe Streets to Transit** - One element of Governor Corzine's Pedestrian Safety Initiative administered by NJDOT is the Safe Streets to Transit program. This program provides funding to assist counties and municipalities in improving access to transit facilities and all nodes of public transportation. The objectives of the Safe Streets to Transit Program are:
 - To improve safety and accessibility for mass transit riders walking or bicycling to transit facilities.
 - To encourage mass transit users to walk or bicycle to transit stations.
 - To facilitate the implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety in the vicinity of transit facilities (approximately 0.5 miles for pedestrian improvements or 2.0 miles for bicycle improvements).

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-line through SAGE on or before June 20, 2008.

We recommended 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,



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