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## Hunterdon County Gains Road Improvement Grant Funds

Hunterdon County has been awarded \$4,062,485 in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) grant funding by the state Department of Transportation (DOT) for county road projects in state fiscal year 2021, Freeholder Zach Rich reported at a recent Freeholder Board meeting.

Freeholder Rich, the Board's liaison for the Department of Public Works and Engineering, stated, "The Engineering Division has again been successful in gaining approval of these funds for projects identified in the County's Annual Transportation Program (ATP). The TTF funding has great value to our taxpayers, as it provides a significant cost share for maintaining safe roads for the county's residents and other travelers."

The state DOT Commissioner, Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, in issuing the grant approval letter, stated, the Transportation Trust Fund is an essential tool in maintaining and enhancing the County transportation system. Noting these state funds are available for eligible projects and may be used for improvements to public roads and bridges under County jurisdiction, or other transportation related work.

Rich pointed out, "Presently road improvements being made to County road 513 in Alexandria and Franklin from Everittstown to Pittstown and the entire length of County road 628 in Lebanon Township and Glen Gardner are two-thirds funded by a previous \$4 million TTF grant. These grant funds allow for the reserving of county capital dollars that than can be dedicated for additional road safety projects."

"The Engineering Division is currently examining priority road improvement projects in the ATP for inclusion in next year's capital budget, to determine the most advantageous use of the 2021 TTF grant funds," Rich concluded.