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Ms. Sascha Frimpong
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Re: Local Safety and High Risk Rural Roads Program Application Intersection
of County Route 11 (Broad Street) and Bergen Place, Red Bank, NJ

Dear Ms. Frimpong:

It is my understanding that the County of Monmouth has applied for funding through the Local Safety and High Risk Rural Roads Program for intersection improvements at County Route 11 (Broad Street) and Bergen Place, within the Borough of Red Bank. On behalf of the Borough of Red Bank, I am writing to express my strong support of this application.

The intersection of CR 11 and Bergen Place is a critical intersection in our Borough, one that suffers from operational and safety deficiencies that have caused numerous vehicular and pedestrian crashes in recent years. As the application outlines, due to its proximity to the revitalized downtown of Red Bank, the intersection has seen a significant increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic from residential and commercial mixed use development. However, the intersection currently lacks the necessary infrastructure to support this growth. The signal equipment was installed approximately five decades ago and is outdated and inefficient. It does not currently meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements. The signal poles and controller cabinets have also been damaged in numerous crashes and desperately need replacement.

These issues have contributed to a location that has seen not less than thirty-four (34) crashes have occurred since 2010. These incidents include one (1) pedestrian fatality and seven (7) injuries.

The proposed improvements will significantly improve the safety of our residents, and those many New Jerseyans who visit Red Bank. For example, the obsolete traffic signals will be replaced with those that provide ADA compliant pedestrian facilities, upgraded signage, and improved visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles. In addition, the improvements will include drainage upgrades, resurfacing, and new street lighting. In all, the project will reduce the risk of right angle and pedestrian crashes at this important intersection.

The Borough of Red Bank strongly believes this project will improve our town's infrastructure, and allow us to continue with our unique revitalization. We appreciate your consideration of this application by the County of Monmouth, and respectfully request that funding be awarded for this worthy project.

Sincerely,



Pasquale Menna, Mayor
Borough of Red Bank

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