

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Requests for Surface Transportation Reauthorization

High Priority Projects reported to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for the Surface Transportation Bill Reauthorization:

Project Title: Overpeck Transportation Amenities Phase II in Leonia, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,868,800

Justification: Funding will provide for a critical road and bridge connection between Park Road and Fort Lee Road in Leonia, allowing greater access to Overpeck Park. Funds will be utilized for roadway, ramp and bridge construction, stormwater infrastructure and signalization.

Project Title: Transit Signal Prioritization in Bergen County, NJ

Amount Requested: \$5,200,000

Justification: Funds will provide for "transit signal prioritization," a program that allows public transit busses serving the core of the County to bypass bottlenecks and points of congestion by signaling their arrival to traffic lights, creating a more efficient mass transit system.

Project Title: Interstate 80 Sound Barrier Wall in Elmwood Park, NJ

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Justification: This project will begin the installation of sound barrier walls along Interstate 80 in Elmwood Park in order to grant relief to the residents living in homes where the highway noise is deafening.

Project Title: Hudson Street Streetscape Expansion Project in Hackensack, NJ

Amount Requested: \$713,600

Justification: Funding would be used for the reconstruction of Hudson Street in Hackensack from the Lafayette Street intersection to the intersection of Kennedy Street. This project will first consist of removing the current streetscape, followed by the installation of new concrete sidewalks, concrete driveways and block curbs. Finally, imprinted crosswalks will be installed along with trees and tree grates, topsoil, benches and lighting fixtures.

Project Title: Interstate 280 Interchange Improvements in Harrison, NJ

Amount Requested: \$58,500,000

Justification: The purpose of the project is to replace a deficient partial interchange on Interstate 280 with a complete interchange in Harrison, NJ. The project will reduce congestion and eliminate daily gridlock conditions on local roadways and the Interstate, enhance mobility and access to Harrison and Newark, increase vehicle safety along a dangerous

stretch of the Interstate, and facilitate economic redevelopment in Harrison and at the gateway to Newark.

Project Title: Kearny Avenue Resurfacing in Kearny, NJ

Amount Requested: \$424,000

Justification: Kearny Avenue is the home of many residents, small businesses, retail stores, restaurants, public libraries, schools and parks. Resurfacing the road ensures the continued success and safety of the existing neighborhoods and opportunity for future growth.

Project Title: Route 3 - Passaic River Crossing in Rutherford, NJ

Amount Requested: \$150,000,000

Justification: Funding would be used to remove and replace the structurally deficient Route 3 bridge over the Passaic River between Clifton, NJ and Rutherford, NJ.

Project Title: Route 46 - Hackensack River Bridge in Ridgefield Park, NJ

Amount Requested: \$16,000,000

Justification: This bridge rehabilitation project will extend the useful service life of this structure located between Little Ferry, NJ and Ridgefield Park, NJ, and prevent the need for a full bridge replacement.

Project Title: Northern Branch Rail Corridor

Amount Requested: \$6,250,000

Justification: Funds will be used for planning work associated with the construction of the Northern Branch project, which is an approximately 10-mile passenger rail service extending from North Bergen in Hudson County to Tenafly, NJ in Bergen County using the existing CSX Northern Branch rail corridor.

Project Title: Trans-Hudson Midtown Corridor (ARC Tunnel Project)

Amount Requested: \$8,700,000,000

Justification: This 9.2-mile commuter rail extension and tunnel project will more than double peak capacity from 23 trains per hour to 48 and create expanded station capacity in Manhattan. This project will also provide direct access to New York City subway lines, PATH and Penn Station.

Project Title: New Jersey Urban Core

Amount Requested: (reauthorization language)

Justification: This project funds a series of transit improvements throughout Northern New Jersey, including Secaucus Junction, Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR), Newark Elizabeth Rail Link (NERL), Lackawanna Cutoff, and the Meadowlands Rail

Connections.

Project Title: Hudson-Bergen Light Rail System Meadowlands Expansion

Amount Requested: \$8,000,000

Justification: This project would fund a study relating to the extension of the Bergen-Hudson Light Rail system to the Meadowlands.

Project Title: Northern New Jersey Intermodal Facility Improvements

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

Justification: This project would fund construction of high level platforms and other improvements to transit facilities serving Northern New Jersey.

Project Title: Bergen County, NJ High Capacity Buses

Amount Requested: \$24,000,000

Justification: Funds would be used to purchase high-capacity buses for service on new express routes in Bergen County, NJ.

Project Title: Ridge Road Streetscape Project in North Arlington, NJ

Amount Requested: \$1,650,000

Justification: This Streetscape Project benefits the entire region by providing a more pedestrian friendly community, providing ADA compliance, reducing non-point source pollution from degraded existing surfaces and bolsters the local and regional economy by providing a contiguous carriageway of pleasant and safe travel.

Project Title: 91st Street Improvements in North Bergen, NJ

Amount Requested: \$135,600

Justification: Funds will be used to replace asphalt in poor condition as a result of heavy truck traffic from existing businesses in the area.

Project Title: 91st Street Sewer Project in North Bergen, NJ

Amount Requested: \$371,498

Justification: The project will line an existing sewer pipe that runs through the street in front of the new Vornado development, an estimated \$80,000,000 new construction project in North Bergen's Urban Enterprise Zone. 91st Street is the primary access road to these new businesses from the east.

Project Title: JFK Boulevard East Streetscape Project in North Bergen, NJ

Amount Requested: \$484,320

Justification: This project will provide for construction of a new scenic streetscape along JFK Boulevard offering views of the New York City Skyline. The project will connect to existing streetscapes in West New York, Weehawken and Guttenberg to provide an entire walkway of two and a half miles in length.

Project Title: 8th Street Bridge in Passaic, NJ

Amount Requested: \$7,550,000

Justification: This project calls for the removal of the deteriorating Eighth Street Bridge which traverses the Passaic River between the City of Passaic, NJ and the Borough of Wallington, NJ and replacing it with an aesthetically similar bridge.

Project Title: Passaic River-Newark Bay Restoration and Pollution Abatement Project

Amount Requested: \$32,000,000

Justification: Every day contaminants including trash and debris are washed into our waterways directly through roadway storm drains. In 1998, PVSC created a program to reduce the amount of stormwater that enters the Passaic River through combined sewer overflows by upgrading its treatment facilities to increase its wet weather treatment capacity to 700 million gallons per day. The project will reduce stormwater runoff to the Passaic River from various state and county roads including Route 21, CR 507 (River Road) and CR 510. The plant upgrades will occur at the PVSC Newark Treatment Plant at 600 Wilson Avenue.