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Murphy Administration announces \$28 million in FY25 Local Freight Impact Fund grants Program funds improvements to heavy truck routes on local roads

(Trenton) – The Murphy Administration today announced \$28.0 million in FY25 Local Freight Impact Fund grants that help counties and municipalities promote the safe movement of large truck traffic.

"New Jersey's seaports, airports, and rail yards are critical pieces of our regional and national economies, and Governor Murphy is committed to investing in infrastructure that ensures the safe and efficient movement of goods throughout our state," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "The Local Freight Impact Fund provides counties and municipalities with funding to make necessary improvements to local roads and bridges that carry commercial truck traffic so that our transportation system continues to support a strong state and regional economy for years to come."

The Local Freight Impact Fund is a competitive program that was created as part of the Transportation Trust Fund reauthorization in October 2016. NJDOT received 45 grant applications for the FY25 Local Freight Impact Fund Program, of which 18 grants are being awarded. Those grants represent 10 counties and 16 municipalities. Of the 18 projects, there are 14 roadway preservation projects, two pavement preservation projects, and two truck safety and mobility project. Click here for a <u>full list of project awards</u>.

The program helps New Jersey's counties and municipalities fund projects that emphasize and enhance the safe movement of large truck traffic, renew aging structures that carry large truck traffic, promote economic development, and support new transportation opportunities. Under the program, projects that fall into six categories are eligible for funding: bridge preservation, new construction, pavement preservation, roadway preservation, truck safety and mobility, and pedestrian safety.

The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development. NJDOT staff evaluate projects using a variety of criteria including existing conditions, overall traffic volume, percentage of large truck traffic, crash frequency, and connectivity to freight nodes, among others.

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