Resolution No. 2022 – 087
Board of County Commissioners
Public Works/Economic Development Committee

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2019 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution #2019-201 on May 15, 2019 approving funding for a reimbursement Grant for the “FISCAL YEAR 2019 COUNTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM”; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement was fully executed on March 21, 2019, the Grant period commenced as of that date and terminates on March 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a “State of Emergency” by the Governor of New Jersey due to Covid-19 continues to impact staffing and work production; and

WHEREAS, due to planned utility improvements consisting of water main replacement being conducted by Woodstown Borough within the project limits of South Main Street, County Road #672 in the Borough of Woodstown, the project limits of South Main Street, County Road #672 in the Borough of Woodstown needed to be modified during the design process in order to accommodate the schedule of anticipated water main replacement; and

WHEREAS, at the request of Salem County, due to the deteriorating condition of Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 in Alloway township, the FY 2019 County Aid Program scope of work was modified to include resurfacing and safety improvements to Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 in Alloway Township from South Greenwich Street, County Road #540 to Cobbs Mill Road, a local road, in Alloway Township during the design process in order to address necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, during the design process, storm damage occurred to a portion of the Salem County Railroad located north of Oldmans Creek Road in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County; and following the FEMA application and review process, and determination by FEMA that the damage did not qualify for FEMA funding; Salem County requested that railroad repairs north of Oldmans Creek Road be included in the FY 2019 County Aid Program scope of work; and subsequently, during the design process, Salem County determined that the repairs would be made by the railroad operator; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a “State of Emergency” by the Governor of New Jersey due to Covid-19 has impacted staffing and work production during the design process; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Omicron variant has impacted and continues to impact staffing and work production; and

WHEREAS, due to the foregoing circumstances, the County Engineer and Administrator would like to request a six (6) month extension of the Grant period, making the new deadline for award of a construction contract September 21, 2022.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners that a formal request be made to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to approve an extension to the FISCAL YEAR 2019 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM until September 21, 2022.

EDWARD A. RAMSAY, County Commissioner
Chair, Economic Development/Public Works Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

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