RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FISCAL YEAR 2019 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND GRANT

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution #2019-346 on September 18, 2019 approving funding for a reimbursement Grant for the "RESURFACING OF STRAUGHNS MILL ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #643 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STRAUGHNS MILL BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1701-141 UNDER THE 2019 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS, the original Grant period commenced on July 18, 2019 and ends on July 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, delays continue with the two (2) utilities that have apparatus affixed to the Straughns Mill Bridge, County Bridge #1701-141. "South Jersey Gas" owns a gas main, and "New Jersey American Water Company" owns a water main, which are attached to the bridge parapets. Since modifications to the bridge parapets are needed for the guide rail attachments at each end of each parapet, specifications are to be provided by the respective utility companies for the required utility work during construction, which must be included with the plans, specifications and estimates for this project, which specifications have yet to be provided; and

WHEREAS, "New Jersey American Water Company" has provided their general water main specifications, but approval by "New Jersey American Water Company" is yet to be obtained for the proposed work; and

WHEREAS, "South Jersey Gas" has yet to provide their gas main specifications, and approval by "South Jersey Gas" is yet to be obtained for the proposed work; 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, 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 January 27, 2023.
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 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND GRANT until January 27, 2023.

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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