



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2024 –

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Public Works

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE
NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021
COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of County Freeholders adopted Resolution #2020-421 on December 2, 2020 approving funding for a reimbursement Grant for the "STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has obligated the funds for the "2021 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" in the amount of \$4,886,128.00 in accordance with the fully executed "Funding Agreement" dated May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Grant period commenced as of the date of the fully executed "Funding Agreement" which was May 7, 2021 and terminates on May 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary circumstances, an extension of time to award a construction contract is being requested:

- The deadline for the award of a construction contract is May 7, 2024.
- A design submission was made to NJ DOT for the 2021 County Aid Program – Kings Highway, County Road #620 project on June 22, 2023. NJDOT review comments were received on July 20, 2023. A revised design submission was made to NJDOT on August 30, 2023. Comments from NJDOT Structural Engineering were received on September 19, 2023. A revised design submission was made on January 5, 2024. Additional information was requested by the NJDOT Bridge Standards Unit on January 24, 2024. The additional information requested by the NJDOT Bridge Standards Unit was submitted on January 24, 2024. Comments from NJDOT were received on February 23, 2024. A revised design submission was made on March 7, 2024.
- In addition to the plans and specifications, NJDOT is requiring that Salem County provide a geotechnical foundation report, soil borings and lab testing. Salem County is in the process of obtaining the services of a geotechnical consultant to perform the required soil borings, lab testing and geotechnical report.
- A design submission was made to NJDOT for the 2021 County Aid Program – Various Roads on February 9, 2024. NJDOT comments were received on March 8, 2024, and are being addressed.
- The project is currently under review by NJDOT Railroad Engineering Safety Unit and the NJDOT Structural Engineering Unit.
- At the present time NJDOT approval to bid has not been received.
- In order to award a construction contract prior to May 7, 2024, the anticipated advertisement date would be March 20, 2024 for receipt of bids on April 10, 2024; and award at the Commissioner Meeting to be held on April 17, 2024.

- The time involved in the NJDOT design submission, review and approval process has resulted in the need to request an extension of time; 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 November 7, 2024.

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 STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM until November 7, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024.


 STACY L. PENNINGTON
 Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
E. Ramsay	✓		✓			
C. Taylor		✓	✓			
D. Timmerman			✓			
G. Ostrum Jr.			✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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