



Board of County Commissioners

Public Works Committee

**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 2022 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Salem County was notified of the availability of funds by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) by letter dated July 28, 2021; that Salem County will receive an allotment of \$4,846,362.00 (Four Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Zero Cents); that Counties are to award construction contracts within three (3) years of notification by the Department of that year's county allotment; and that Counties are advised to spend all Fiscal Year 2022 allotments before July 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant application CA-2022-Salem County-00016 was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation through the State of New Jersey System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) on October 28, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution #2021-389 on November 17, 2021 approving funding for a reimbursement Grant for the "STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"; and

**WHEREAS**, the above application and adopted Resolution included roadway preservation at nine (9) locations throughout Salem County; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT has obligated the funds for the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" in the amount of \$4,846,362.00 (Four Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Zero Cents) in accordance with the NJDOT Project Management and Reporting System (PMRS) 2022-CA-17-ATP - LA-2022 CA Salem County Main Project 17 CA ATP Application, Agreement and Certification of Funds (CAACF) – 1 Process; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT PMRS System for Project 2022-CA-17-ATP - LA-2022 CA Salem County Main Project 17 indicates the Start Date is July 28, 2021 and Target Date is July 27, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, roadway preservation projects at three (3) locations included in the "2021 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" were added to the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" due to project costs exceeding available funds in the "2021 COUNTY AID PROGRAM"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Aid Regulations at 16:20A-6.2(b) require the submission of plans, specifications and estimates to the NJDOT Local Aid Office for review thirty (30) days prior to the date of advertisement for bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated date for the advertisement for bids for this project is June 27, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the plans, specifications and estimates were available to be submitted to the NJDOT Local Aid Office on May 24, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT PMRS County Aid (CA) Construction Project Creation (CACPC) Process must be modified to reflect the roadway preservation project locations to be included in the construction project prior to submission of the plans, specifications and estimates to the NJDOT Local Aid Office for review; 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 July 28, 2024.
- Roadway preservation projects at three (3) locations included in the "2021 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" were added to the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" due to project costs exceeding available funds in the "2021 COUNTY AID PROGRAM".
- Project plans, specifications and estimates for the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" needed to be revised accordingly.
- The plans, specifications and estimates for the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" were available to be submitted to the NJDOT Local Aid Office on May 24, 2024.
- The NJDOT PMRS County Aid (CA) Construction Project Creation (CACPC) Process must be modified to reflect the roadway preservation project locations to be included in the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" construction project prior to submission of the plans, specifications and estimates to the NJDOT Local Aid Office for review.
- In order to award a construction contract for the "2022 COUNTY AID PROGRAM" prior to July 28, 2024, the anticipated date for advertisement for bids is June 27, 2024, for receipt of bids on July 16, 2024; and award at the Commissioner Meeting to be held on July 17, 2024.
- At the present time NJDOT Local Aid Office approval of the plans, specifications and estimates to advertise for bids has not been received;
- It is anticipated that the time involved in the NJDOT Local Aid Office design submission, review and approval process results in the need to request an extension of time; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that a request for an extension of time to award a construction contract would allow all Fiscal Year 2022 allotments to be spent before July 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the foregoing circumstances, the County Engineer and Administrator would like to request a four (4) month extension of the Grant period, making the new deadline for award of a construction contract November 28, 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 2022 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM until November 28, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, June 12, 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			✓			