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## **Borough of Haddonfield**

Camden County, New Jersey

November 27, 2013

Dear Resident;

Earlier this year Haddonfield was awarded a \$300,000 Safe Routes to School Grant. The grant was applied for back in December of 2011. The Safe Routes to School Program provides funding to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely.

Haddonfield's application included installation of sidewalk where there currently is none in the areas of town that are located on the Safe Routes to School Routes. This included sections of Chews Landing, Hinchman, Washington and Grove Street. It also included the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps at 29 intersections that did not have ramps along those same routes prior to the submission of the grant. The final item included in the grant request was highly visible thermoplastic line striping along the heavily trafficked Grove Street.

The original cost estimate for all work submitted was \$716,000. Haddonfield received \$300,000. The Commissioners must now determine which of the submitted portions of the project to move forward with. The sidewalks and the majority of the curb ramps proposed to be installed on Washington Ave have already been completed. All of the items on Grove Street are anticipated to be completed as part of the joint Haddonfield/Camden County project to reconstruct Grove. This construction could begin as early as 2014. According to the grant regulations, these items cannot be paid for with grant funds since a road construction project is anticipated. That leaves sidewalks on Chews Landing and Hinchman and curb ramp upgrades.

We understand that the installation of sidewalk in areas that currently do not have any can cause concerns from the residents that live in those areas. We would like to begin a public discussion of those concerns and take them into consideration as the draft plans are created. We will be holding a public comment meeting on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Borough Hall. At this meeting we will explain the draft plan for the project, discuss any issues related to the project, and take public comment. We hope that you will be able to attend. Documents will be available for review on the Borough's website ([http://www.haddonfieldnj.org/borough\\_capital\\_projects.php](http://www.haddonfieldnj.org/borough_capital_projects.php)) on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you are unable to attend and have suggestions or questions, I can be reached at (856)429-4700 ext 317 or by email at [jmoscatelli@haddonfield-nj.gov](mailto:jmoscatelli@haddonfield-nj.gov).

Sincerely,

John Moscatelli

Commissioner of Public Works and Recreation

cc: Commissioners

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