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## **NJDOT Awards Monroe \$475K Grant for Daniel Road Project**

**MONROE** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded Monroe Township a \$475,000 grant in late February for sidewalk and roadway improvements along Daniel Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

This year's grant funding is expected to cover 87 percent of the estimated \$547,000 Daniel Road project and amounts to a 50-percent increase over last year's NJDOT disbursement.

"Daniel Road runs through a residential neighborhood, providing direct access to nearby businesses and our popular Veteran's Park," said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "It also acts as a significant thoroughfare, accounting for substantial pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic. The Daniel Road improvements rank high on our list of priority projects."

The scope of work will consist of roadway restoration, milling, paving, sidewalk replacement, minor drainage repairs and the installation of concrete and ADA-compliant curbs, curb ramps, detectable warning surfaces, crosswalks, as well as additional signage.

Officials anticipate construction will begin in 2019 and continue for approximately four months.

Improvements for two similar sidewalk and paving projects on Ellingham Avenue and Monmouth Road are slated for spring and fall.

Previous cycles of NJDOT grant funding will also primarily cover the cost of these projects.

"This is our tax dollars at work," said Monroe Council President Stephen Dalina. "It is critical to stay on top of infrastructure management. In Monroe, I think we've done a great job of preserving, reconditioning and repairing our roadways to ensure our residents have safe access throughout the community."

This past year, the NJDOT's highly competitive municipal aid grant program, with an available pot of \$161.25 million, received 656 applications requesting a total of \$298.6 million in funding.

Monroe officials thanked local legislators, Sen. Linda Greenstein and Assemblymen Wayne DeAngelo and Daniel Benson, for their advocacy and role in facilitating funding.

"I am proud of the work our towns put into applying for the Municipal Aid Program. Given the competitive process, we are grateful that Monroe will receive this needed funding for improvements to Daniel Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street," said Assembly Transportation Chairman Dan Benson (D- Mercer, Middlesex). "This grant will help to alleviate the burden on taxpayers and meet the needs of Monroe residents by ensuring a safe and well maintained local infrastructure."

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