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A safety improvement

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New Jersey's new transportation commissioner, Jack Lettiere, is a man of action. The other day, we urged him to turn an unused exit ramp on Route 138 east in Wall into an entrance to Route 18 north. Although the DOT hadn't touted it, bids for the project were sought last month and construction could begin in April.

The alterations will allow driving to get off Route 138 and onto Route 18 without having to deal with those who are merging onto Route 138 east from Route 18 south. The exit ramp has gone unused for years, awaiting completion of the southern section of Route 18. That project has been taken off the drawing board.

The ramp alterations will cost \$350,000, evidence that even minor highway projects don't come cheap. Nine accidents over the past three years at this cloverleaf, however, demonstrate the need to take advantage of an opportunity to make an improvement for safety's sake.