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Murphy Administration Announces \$47.4 million in Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grants Federal grants will help municipalities improve local infrastructure

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO), today announced 43 grants totaling \$47.4 million as part of the <u>2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside)</u>.

"The New Jersey Department of Transportation is committed to advancing Governor Murphy's vision of a safe transportation system that accommodates all users," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "We are doing that by working with the three regional planning authorities to provide federal funding to counties and municipalities for local projects that improve safety and strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation system."

The competitive Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) program provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. TA Set-Aside projects must relate to surface transportation and the grants are awarded every two years. Projects may include improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities, creating safe routes to schools, preserving historic transportation structures, providing environmental mitigation, and creating trail projects that serve a transportation purpose while promoting safety and mobility.

The TA Set-Aside program is administered by the NJDOT in partnership with New Jersey's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) – NJTPA, DVRPC, and SJTPO. The NJTPA is a 13-county region in northern New Jersey, which includes Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties; the DVRPC is a nine-county region, which includes five counties in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer counties in New Jersey; and SJTPO is a four-county region in southern New Jersey, which includes Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties.

The 43 grants totaling \$47.4 million include funding for 29 NJTPA projects totaling \$29.4 million; 10 DVRPC projects totaling \$14.3 million; and three SJTPO projects totaling \$3.7 million. For a list of the grants, <u>click here</u>.

Projects were assessed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from NJDOT Local Aid, NJDOT Bureau of Environmental Program Resources, NJTPA, DVRPC and SJTPO. Each individual municipality is responsible for implementing their Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects. For further details on a specific project, we recommend reaching out to the municipality.

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Safety is everyone's responsibility. Watch NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor's <u>message</u> about making roadway safety a way of life.

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