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## Governor Murphy Announces \$7.5 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program Grants to Improve Pedestrian Safety 12 Communities to Receive State Funding for Improvement Projects

**(Trenton)** – Governor Phil Murphy today announced nearly \$7.5 million in <u>Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets</u> to <u>Transit Program (SSTT) grants</u> for 12 projects in seven counties.

"The Safe Streets to Transit Program provides communities with the funds to make infrastructure improvements that make it easier and safer for our residents to get to and from transit facilities," Governor Phil Murphy said. "New Jersey relies on mass transit to move millions of residents and visitors efficiently throughout our state and region, and it is critical that we prioritize pedestrian safety near bus stops and rail stations."

"Nothing is more important to me than the safety of our transportation system for all users, particularly those who are most vulnerable – pedestrians and the mobility impaired," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "I appreciate Governor Murphy and the Legislature's commitment to the Safe Streets to Transit Program by making additional funds available so more communities can improve sidewalks and provide safe and convenient crosswalks near bus and rail stations."

The <u>Safe Streets to Transit (SSTT) program</u> is one of several pedestrian safety initiatives funded through the State Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). The SSTT program provides funding to counties and municipalities to improve the overall safety and accessibility for mass transit riders walking to transit facilities. The program encourages transit users to walk to transit stations and facilitates the implementation of projects and activities that will improve pedestrian conditions within a 1-mile radius of a transit facility or station.

Traditionally, the SSTT program provides \$1 million in grants annually. This year, additional funding was appropriated for Grants-in-Aid in the amount of \$8 million for the Safe Streets to Transit Program, Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities/Accommodations, and the Transit Village Program. Of the \$8 million, \$5.01 million was provided for the SSTT Program. An additional \$1.44 million was also appropriated for Pedestrian Safety Grants and applied to the SSTT program. These additional funds, combined with the usual \$1 million for the program, bring the total FY26 SSTT funding to \$7.45 million.

Projects are awarded on a competitive basis taking into consideration proximity to a transit facility, safety, accessibility, project need and equity criteria to benefit low-income and minority populations. Click here to see a list of the 12 municipalities receiving <u>FY 2026 Safe Streets to Transit grants</u> totaling \$7.5 million.

The <u>Safe Streets to Transit Program</u>, as well as other Local Aid state-funded grant programs, benefit residents by enabling local governments to complete necessary projects on roads under their jurisdiction without burdening local taxpayers. For NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u>, on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>, or Instagram <u>@NewJersey.DOT</u>.

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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