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Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti and District Legislators announce Main Street/Route 71 Streetscape project in Asbury Park Additional Federal funds allowing more work to get done

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, along with Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Joann Downey, and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling, today announced the advancement of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to make Streetscape Improvements along Main Street/Route 71 and Deal Lake Drive in Asbury Park.

This is one of 28 projects that are moving forward because of an additional \$100 million in federal funding that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [awarded to NJDOT in September](#).

“The Federal Highway Administration recognized the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s effectiveness in delivering projects that increase safety and make a positive difference in our communities,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “That’s why they authorized an additional \$100 million this year, allowing NJDOT to advance this Main Street/Route 71 Streetscape improvements project in Asbury – allowing it to go to construction six months to a year earlier than scheduled.”

In 2017 Asbury Park received a \$237,000 TAP grant to make streetscape improvements to Main Street/Route 71 from Springwood Avenue north to Deal Lake Drive and along Deal Lake Drive from Main Street to Park Avenue. The project includes the installation of 20 benches, 112 bike racks and the planting of 116 trees.

The TAP Program provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

The new federal funds NJDOT received in September will allow this project to go to construction approximately 6 months to a year earlier than originally scheduled, which means Asbury Park’s Main Street will have more benches and bike racks to serve the community even sooner than planned.

This project is currently in design and Asbury Park chose to utilize the NJDOT local Design Assistance consultant to advance the design, which is a service provided at NJDOT’s cost above and beyond the amount of the grant. The Design Assistance helps reduce costs, improve quality and speed the delivery of these types of Local Aid projects.

“Thriving communities provide their residents and visitors with both a safe space to live and shop, and a visually stunning location in which to go about their daily lives,” said Senator Vin Gopal. “This project will invigorate Asbury Park’s commercial corridor, it will install benches and bike racks, as well as plant more





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than 100 trees along Main Street/Route 71. Thanks to NJDOT and this administration for advancing this project and recognizing the value of improving Asbury Park’s community.”

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“We're glad to see funding coming to Asbury Park, and we will continue to work to bring investment and infrastructure improvements to our Asbury community,” Assemblywoman Joann Downey and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling said. “Thank you to Mayor Moor and the Council for your dedicated work on behalf of Asbury Park's residents.”

Each year, FHWA redistributes the limit of what each state may spend before the Federal fiscal year ends on September 30. For FY19, FHWA approved NJDOT’s entire request of \$100 million – which is more than double the largest amount received over the past 10 years.

Some of the funds will be used for the Asbury Park Streetscape Improvement Project, as well as a variety of other projects including bridge preventative maintenance, pedestrian safety improvements, bikeway improvements, intersection improvements and capital projects that will ease congestion and improve safety. For a list of projects click [here](#).

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