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## **BORO MAKES APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made three applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for three inter-related projects, totaling \$406,375 to be funded under the Safe Routes to School Program.

The Pedestrian Safety application (\$374,975) includes construction of sidewalks, ADA compliant curbs and paver crosswalks, and purchase of pedestrian signs. This would continue similar work presently being done under the Borough's 2009 Safe Routes to Schools \$275,000 grant funded construction.

Pedestrian crossing signs along Webster Street and Washington and DeHirsch Avenues would alert vehicular traffic to the various cross-walks children cross at. This will assist both the adult crossing guards and the student safety patrol in their duties.

This Pedestrian Safety Program Phase 2a would target the neighborhoods from north of DeHirsch Avenue/Route 550 and West of Washington Avenue to the School on Webster Street.

The Bikeways application (\$5,400) includes purchase of bicycle racks for the Community School/Community Gymnasium/Library Complex.

The school encourages bicycle use in this community with no courtesy bussing, and these racks are an essential item for such usage by creating safe places to secure the bicycles whether at school, all-hours recreational activities, or the County library.

The Pedestrian Safety/Bikeway application (\$26,000) includes the purchase and installation of traffic signalization for Webster Street ad DeHirsch Avenue. This electronic signage will make motorists more acutely aware of their location relative to the school zone and the requirement to slow to 15 mph, as well as making motorists aware of the school crossing areas on Route 550 that are presently only identified by minimal crossing signs. This is Phase 2b of Woodbine's Pedestrian Safety Program.

"In addition, we are partnering with the Woodbine School District who is working with Cross County Connection for a non-infrastructure educational component under Safe Routes to Schools that dovetails with our current applications," noted Mayor Pikolycky." This component would include a Walking School Bus and a School Travel Plan. Besides addressing safety issues, encouraging walking and biking to school also serves a health-related purpose by providing an incentive to the exercise benefits provided by these activities."