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April 22, 2009

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
2nd Congressional District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: State Route 55/State Route 47 Interchange Improvements – High Priority Project Request City of Millville, Cumberland County

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Millville, I am writing to request your support for providing $6,700,000 in federal transportation funding for the construction of improvements to the interchange of State Route 55 and State Route 47 at Exit 27. In recent years, tourism has become an important component of Cumberland County's economic base as the area transitions from its manufacturing heritage. In addition, the City of Millville has seen steady population growth since 1990, and current demographic forecasts anticipate a significant increase in the City's young adult and retirement age residents as it enters the next decade. Coupled with several recent major development projects, these factors have put a strain on our area's existing highway network. In 2008, the Millville Rescue Squad responded to 25 motor vehicle accidents in the area of Exit 27.

The opening of the New Jersey Motorsports Park, along with several commercial developments have brought an exponential number of new visitors to the Millville area, and that growth will only continue with a planned mixed-use development to the south of the Exit 27. While these projects all provide a positive net impact on job creation and quality of life in our area, they also accelerate the need for improvements throughout the region's transportation system. In addition, as State Route 55 acts as the primary route for commuters and visitors traveling from the north, slip ramps to the State Route 47 intersection are needed to accommodate current and future traffic demands. Additionally, the new mixed-use (residential and commercial) development for the area south of the interchange will necessitate an additional egress off State Route 55 and construction of local roads running adjacent to State Route 47.

This year presents a significant opportunity to fund transportation improvements through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act. As Congress begins its consideration of these key pieces legislation, your support will be critical to the success of this project, and ultimately, the continued prosperity of the Southern New Jersey region.

I an effort to facilitate the necessary improvements to the regional highway network, the City has entered into a public-private partnership with Goodman Properties, a regional real estate developer, to secure the matching funds required for any future federal award. Goodman has committed to assisting with the preconstruction costs related to the project, including design, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation. **With these costs estimated to exceed $2,700,000 and a total project cost of over $9,400,000, the City's request for $6,700,000 in federal funds for the road network around the State Route 55/State Route 47 interchange at Exit 27 would provide 100% of the project cost.**

The City and Goodman Properties have already had several discussions with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Cumberland County Board of Freeholders. **Both organizations are supportive of the project, and are willing to work with us on any funding administration issues, including those related to future programming of the project on the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In addition, the City will continue to coordinate with Goodman Properties on regular public updates regarding the status of the proposed improvements, with an appropriate level of public input during the project's design.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need any further details concerning this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James F. Quinn

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Mayor

cc: Louis Magazzu, Director – Cumberland County Board of Freeholders

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March 26, 2009

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
2nd Congressional District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Improvements to the Interchange of State Routes 55 & 47 (Exit 27)
City of Millville, Cumberland County

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

As Director of the Cumberland County Board of Freeholders, I am writing to solicit your support for a set of critical transportation improvements in the vicinity of the intersection of State Routes 55 and 47 in the City of Millville.

As you may be aware, this section of Cumberland County has experienced a significant amount of recent development with both the opening of the nearby New Jersey Motorsports Park and the proposed mixed-use development in the area south of State Route 55 and west of State Route 47. This concentrated level of development in a short period of time has necessitated improvements to the regional transportation network, including additional egress off of State Route 55 and the construction of local roads running adjacent to State Route 47.

With State Route 55 acting as the primary route for visitors traveling from the north, slip ramps and other improvements at the State Route 47 intersection are needed to accommodate current and future traffic demands. These roadway improvements will have a positive impact for all County residents, as both travelers from Vineland, located directly to the north, and commuters from throughout the region that rely on State Routes 55 and 47 will benefit from improved access.

With this information in mind, I would respectfully request your assistance in securing federal funding for the improvements related to the interchange of State Routes 55 & 47. The City of Millville has partnered with Goodman Properties, a regional real estate developer, to provide the necessary local matching funds for any future federal award. As your colleagues begin to consider several federal transportation funding vehicles, including the FY 2010 appropriations cycle and the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act, your support of this project will be critical to its ultimate success.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you and your staff to continue to improve the transportation network and quality of life for residents in and around Cumberland County.

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Sincerely,

Louis N. Magazzu, Director
Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders