

Press Release

RADIO ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT

On Friday March 8, 2024, the U.S. Congress passed The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024. Little Egg Harbor Township has been awarded \$2,320,000.00 for pedestrian safety improvements along Radio Road, which will include new sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, bike lanes, and signage. Congressman Van Drew was successful in lobbying Congress to include this project in the Federal spending bill and this will go a long way in improving the safety of residents of Little Egg Harbor.

"I was happy to secure the \$2.32 million of funding critical to the implementation of several safety measure enhancements along Radio Road in Little Egg Harbor Township," said Congressman Van Drew. "The infrastructure improvements along Radio Road are not just about investing in roads and sidewalks; it is about investing in the safety and well-being of our community. Through this project, we are ensuring the safe navigation of our streets for pedestrians and cyclists alike, and we continue to make South Jersey a safer place."

Background work on this project began in 2021 when the Township invited the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association to perform a pedestrian road safety audit (PRSA) on the Radio Road corridor to improve safety and walkability. The Township would like to thank everyone that participated in the PRSA walk on November 24, 2021. The participating organizations included the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association, Little Egg Harbor Township Committee, T&M Associates (Township Engineer), Little Egg Harbor Environmental Commission, Ocean County Department of Planning, Ocean County Department of Engineering, and the Osborn Island Residents Association.

Mayor Blaise Scibetta, Deputy Mayor Dan Maxwell, Committeeman Ray Gormley, Committeeman John Kehm and Committeeman Ken Laney are committed to enhancing pedestrian public safety and have been successful in recently obtaining a Safe Routes to School Grant, a New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Grant and this Federal Radio Road Pedestrian Safety Grant to improve the network of sidewalks and crosswalks across the town.

Mayor Blaise Scibetta stated "This was a joint effort to keep our pedestrians safe, to increase outdoor fitness and wellness and it connects the Township literally from the pinelands to the bay. Thank you to Congressman Van Drew, an advocate and true community leader for all of South Jersey, the Ocean County Commissioners and the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association for assisting in Little Egg Harbor Township receiving this award."

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