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**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 08/13/12 07:00 PM

**2012 RESOLUTION GRANT AGREEMENTS**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, NORTH CENTER CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Aid Transportation Enhancement Program strives to ensure that transportation enhancements are an integral part of our transportation investment policy; and

**WHEREAS,** Transportation Enhancement funding is to be used to support non-traditional transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bloomfield has completed the visioning process and preliminary engineering for the North Center Corridor Redevelopment and Beautification Project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bloomfield has committed \$1,100,000.00 towards the completion of this project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bloomfield wishes to apply for additional funding for this project through the NJ DOT Transportation Enhancement Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Bloomfield will assume the responsibility with regard to maintenance and upkeep of this streetscape project.

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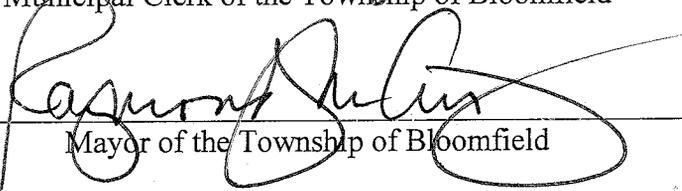
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ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

*Eric J. Garcia*  
Director of Law – Township Attorney

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Bloomfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 13, 2012.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield  
  
  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-00651 AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION: N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ACTION: N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(l)

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD'S  
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PHASE II OF THE NORTH CENTER BUSINESS  
DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Aid Transportation Enhancement Program strives to ensure that transportation enhancements are an integral part of our transportation investment policy, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Mayor and Council apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds that are available under the Transportation Enhancements Grant Program for the purpose of completing Phase II of the North Center Business District Revitalization Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Broad Street is a county route owned by the County of Essex; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Essex has been informed of the Township's intent to submit an application for funding to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Complete Street improvements along Broad Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the specifications of the North Center Business District Revitalization Project meet the standards of the "Complete Streets" policy which has been adopted by the County of Essex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield must secure all necessary County permits and approvals related to the aforementioned project prior to construction, and

**WHEREAS**, the maintenance of all components of project will be the responsibility of the Township of Bloomfield, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Essex, formally approves of and supports the grant application for the above stated project

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that five (5) Certified Resolutions be forwarded to the Office of the County Engineer

Approved as to form and legality *J.M.* Date 8/13/12

ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N V =Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved By Freeholder *Gill*  
 Second by Freeholder *Johnson*

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Beasley				X	Luciano	X			
Bobadilla	X				Payne, J1.	X			
Gill	X				Sebold, V.P.				X
Clark				X	Watson, Pres	X			
Johnson	X								

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was  adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a Regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on August 15, 2012

Is Publication Required ( ) Yes ( ) No

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

*Blonnie R. Watson*  
 Blonnie R. Watson, President

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DECISION MEMORANDUM

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**TO:** RALPH CIALELLA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENT. PUBLIC WORKS

**FROM:** SANJEEV VARGHESE, P.E., P.P., DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION ENGINEERING

**DATE:** AUGUST 8, 2012

**RE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Township of Bloomfield wishes to file an application with New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2012-Transportation Enhancement Program related to the North Center Business District Revitalization Project. This proposed project affects Broad Street, Essex County Road No. 509.

The Township of Bloomfield is seeking for a County Resolution supporting the application.

**RECOMMENDATION AND REASONS:**

The Office of the County Engineer recommends that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopts a Resolution supporting the Transportation Enhancement-2012, for the North Center Business District Revitalization Project in the Township of Bloomfield. Please return five (5) originals, signed and sealed, of the the Resolution to the Office of the County Engineer so they may be submitted to the Township.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None, the township of Bloomfield will administer this program.

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Enclosures      Transportation Enhancement Application  
Draft Resolution ATP



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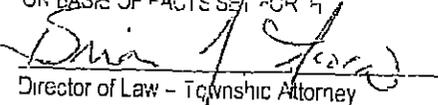
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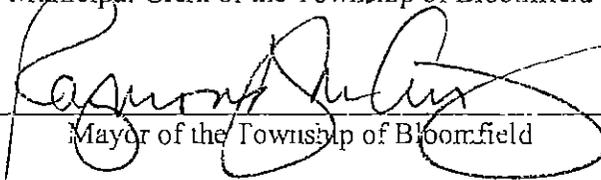
  
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Type of Improvement

Infrastructure

Purpose

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bikeway                    | Primary project purpose is for constructing new bikeways (e g bike lanes, bike paths, bike compatible roadways)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Safety          | Primary project purpose is to enhance pedestrian safety (e g new sidewalks, new crosswalks, traffic calming, pedestrian overpass) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life | Primary project purpose is for beautification, environmental mitigation, economic development or historic preservation            |

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Project Name

Project Title    North Center Business District Revitalization Project

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Project Location

County to filter by Essex County

Municipalities Bloomfield Town Township

**Applicant Information**

Name of Grantee                      Bloomfield Town Township  
Organization Address                Bloomfield Town Township  
    Law Enforcement Building One Municipal Plaza  
    Bloomfield, NJ 07003-3470  
    Phone (973) 680-4077

Email Address

Federal Tax Information Number    226001664  
Vendor Number                        226001664-99  
Vendor Unit.                            Bloomfield Township  
Vendor Unit Address                 One Municipal Plaza  
    Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Application Initiation Date        06/22/2012

**Mayor Information**

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Last Name            McCarthy  
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State New Jersey  
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**Non-Profit Organization**

First Name  
Last Name  
County  
Municipality  
Address 1  
Address 2  
City  
State  
Zip  
Phone  
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**Government Organization**

First Name  
Last Name  
County  
Municipality  
Address 1  
Address 2  
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Project Category

- 1 Provisions of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists
  - a What group is the facility meant to service?  Pedestrians  Bicyclist
  - b What is the length of the proposed facility? (miles)
- 2 Provisions of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
  - a What group are the activities geared toward?  Pedestrians  Bicyclist
- 3 Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic historic sites
- 4 Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
- 5 Landscaping and other beautifications
- 6 Historic Preservation
- 7 Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures and facilities
- 8 Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian and bicycle trails)
- 9 Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- 10 Archeological planning and research
- 11 Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- 12 Establishment of transportation-related museums

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Phase of Work

Phase of Work

- Design/Planning
- Right of Way
- Construction

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Project Proposal

Who will maintain the facility? The Township of Bloomfield

Is utility or road work planned within the project limits over the next five years?  Yes  No

Is the purchase of Right-of-Way required before the start of construction?  Yes  No

Does the project intersect a state highway?  Yes  No

If yes, which highway? Not Applicable

If yes, is the intersection signalized?  Yes  No

Is there a railroad crossing within the project limits?  Yes  No

Will the construction impact traffic at a railroad crossing outside project limits?  Yes  No

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Project Proposal

Provide a detailed project description

The Township of Bloomfield is requesting funds to build upon the existing North Center Business District's framework to address the deficiencies in access, beautification and safety that are currently risking future growth within the corridor. The North Center Business District is a compact, vehicular-dominated environment with a wide variety of locally-owned restaurants and commercial and retail establishments. The district is supported by a strong community of residents and business owners, many of whom access the area by walking, cycling and public transit. The North Center Business District's revitalization project is intended to promote long term economic viability and sustainability by improving accessibility, strengthening connectivity and enhancing the overall pedestrian experience.

In addition, the redesign of this segment of Broad Street, a county road, advances the goals of Essex County's Complete Streets policy, which was adopted on April 25th, 2012, by redesigning the entire right of way, to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation. The Township of Bloomfield has also adopted a similar Complete Streets Ordinance, ensuring that any improvements will meet the county's goals.

The project scope of work includes streetscape improvements along Broad Street (County Route 509) in the Township of Bloomfield. The proposed streetscape improvements will encourage more pedestrian traffic in the North Center Business District and provide for traffic calming along the heavily traveled county road.

The streetscape will begin at the intersection of Pitt Street and Broad Street and will extend north to Brookside Park across from Comley Place. Improvements will be completed at the intersections of Pitt Street, Baldwin Street, Warren Street and Comley Place.

Existing Conditions/Need

Streetscape Beautification - The Commercial District has a distinct, quaint feel but lacks definition. The project will include increased branding and business

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identification through banners, street furniture, and other materials

**Creation of Complete Streets** - Current pedestrian access conditions have rendered the pedestrian experience poor due to narrow sidewalk conditions, unsafe pedestrian crossing areas, insufficient signage, a lack of shade, refuge areas, and bicycle facilities. The proposed improvements include a widening of the sidewalks, additional plantings, pedestrian signage, high visibility crosswalks, curb "bump-outs," and traffic calming measures.

**Circulation and Access** - The North Center Business District's framework currently lends itself to commuter congestion. This project will allow for an improved flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the conversion of a vacant parcel and bus stop into a bus plaza for commuters, along with improvements slated for various pedestrian facilities along Pitt Street and Baldwin Street.

### Scope of the Project

The project scope of work includes streetscape improvements that will include the following.

- A widening of the sidewalks in order to provide appropriate space for pedestrians

- A road diet reducing vehicular travel lane widths

- The installation of corner bump-outs in order to calm traffic and reduce crossing distances

- The creation of enhanced crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety

- An installation of sharrows and 'share the road' signs intended to make vehicles aware of the presence of cyclists on the road

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-The addition of new bicycle parking and enhanced bus stops along Broad Street

The Township of Bloomfield has already allocated \$1,100,000 towards Phase 1, which is to be completely funded by the township. This phase includes all hardscape and urban design elements such as creating wider sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks, corner bump-outs, street furniture, additional regulatory and wayfinding signage, and the planting of new street trees.

The Township of Bloomfield is requesting funding for Phase 2 of the project, which includes upgrades to outdated traffic equipment and builds upon Phase 1 to reconnect valuable assets including the adjacent Brookside Park and Municipal Parking Facility (Pitt Street) to the corridor. These improvements include upgrading traffic signals at two intersections (8 signals), extending sidewalks and bicycle markings to Brookside Park, extending sidewalks and improving the pedestrian facilities on Pitt Street and Baldwin Street which connect to the Pitt Street Municipal Parking Lot, and, converting a vacant parcel and bus stop into a bus plaza for commuters.

The full cost of the project is estimated at \$1,700,000. The township has allocated \$1,100,000 towards Phase 1 and is seeking an additional \$600,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to complete Phase 2.

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Documentation of Project Benefits

Attach an 8 5 by 11 inch location map of the project area

415957-LocationMap.doc

Is the project transportation related?  Yes  No

This project is a "Complete Streets" enhancement/transformation. Both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be improved by the completion of this project. Wider sidewalks and a narrower roadway width will increase pedestrian safety and reduce incidences of vehicles speeding along Broad Street, resulting in calmer vehicular traffic through the corridor. The walking experience along Broad Street will be enhanced with new pedestrian access conditions, wider sidewalks, new street furniture, trees, planters, signage, and improved crosswalks. Also, new 'bump-outs' at high volume crossing areas will increase pedestrian safety.

Is the project ready for construction/implementation?  Yes  No  N/A

This project is an ideal candidate for Transportation Enhancement funding since all program requirements have been met and authorization is eminent. The Township of Bloomfield has completed a Vision and Capital Improvements Master Plan, installed new pedestrian lighting, and completed a joint storefront beautification program in partnership with local business owners. The Township has committed \$1,100,000 in capital funding for Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 Construction Documents are 80% Complete and will be 100% complete by August 1, 2012 with Construction Bidding anticipated shortly thereafter. This is a shovel ready project.

Does the project have a maintenance commitment?  Yes  No  N/A

If yes, Please provide resolution 415957-TEResolutionTownshipofBloomfield doc

Please find the attached draft resolution (copy attached) certifying the Township's commitment to maintain the project upon completion. This resolution will be passed by the Town Council within 30 days of this application's submission, and a copy of this certified resolution will be submitted to the Department.

Does the project have supplemental funds?  Yes  No  N/A

The Township of Bloomfield is committed to the completion of the streetscape along Broad Street. The Township has already committed an allotment of \$1,100,000 within its Capital Budget to complete Phase 1 of the project. The project is also seeking funding from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the amount of no more than \$100,000, as well as pursuing a federal grant in the amount of \$197,000. The Township of Bloomfield may also seek other funding from various state and county sources.

Is the project an element of a larger plan?  Yes  No  N/A

The project is in coordination with the County of Essex's Complete Streets Policy, which was approved in May of 2012. The Township of Bloomfield has also adopted a Complete Streets policy through local ordinance, and is committed to the concept of changing the approach to community roads. The policy calls for communities to direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. The concept is to mold the North Center Business District into a street network that is safer for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists. This will undoubtedly invest the surrounding neighborhoods into the future growth of the business hub.

Will the project affect user mode choice?  Yes  No  N/A  
(promote use of other non-automotive forms of transportation)

The "Complete Streets" improvements set forth in this plan are designed to increase pedestrian, bicycle and public transit usage and decrease personal vehicle usage. Wider sidewalks and delineated textured pavement crosswalks will increase pedestrian confidence that walking along Broad Street will be a safe and enjoyable experience. Improvements to the 8 bus stops located throughout the district will create a more inviting experience for people using public transit. A primary "bus node" will be created at the north end of the project area where higher public transit volumes are present. The addition of the new bicycle parking will encourage residents to choose this alternative method of transportation. The installation of sharrows and 'share the road' signs will make vehicles aware of the presence of these cyclists along Broad Street. Finally, the improvements in accessibility will strengthen existing pedestrian connections to the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Does the project provide regional or community benefits?  Yes  No  N/A

This project will not only benefit the community of Bloomfield, but also the State of New Jersey by improving the quality of life for the residents of the Township of Bloomfield. As evidenced in neighboring communities the proposed streetscape improvements will increase the Township's business sector, sustain employment for local residents and strengthen opportunities for business owners. Despite the development of suburban malls and office complexes, the North Center Business District remains a natural nexus for economic development and private investment. The streetscape improvements including wider sidewalks, landscape improvements, pedestrian signage, improved crosswalks, curb 'bump-outs,' and traffic calming measures will provide for a safer, more distinctive community. Everyone will be the beneficiaries of an increased sense of pride and place, a safer and cleaner neighborhood, better products and services, and community-oriented events.

Is there an urgency to complete this project?  Yes  No  N/A

The urgency for this project lies within the benefit to the taxpayers of the Township of Bloomfield, along with business-owners throughout the North Center Business District. This project has the potential to be completed by the Spring of 2013, and would allow for this section of town to remain economically viable throughout the future. In addition, this revitalization project has the potential to become one of the first local transformations within the County of Essex's "Complete Streets" policy. The project will also provide for an expansion of the township's tax base and provide vital relief to the administration during these difficult economic times.

Will the project have economic and/or tourism benefits?  Yes  No  N/A

This project preserves and enhances the environment and cultural resources by way of the improvements associated with Brookside Park, and through the planting of trees along Broad Street. By refurbishing the aesthetic elements of the district the project creates an area for pedestrians to enjoy, encourages tourism development, spurs further private investment and promotes alternative modes of transportation for residents. The widening of the sidewalks creates a safer experience for pedestrians, and also controls the flow of traffic. The outdoor seating which is proposed at restaurants throughout the corridor will allow for people to enjoy a more personal shopping experience, and will add the character necessary to revive what has proven to be a successful business district.

Will this project provide value as a historic and/or cultural resource?  Yes  No  N/A  
(For the historic related categories)

The North Center Business District is a pedestrian-oriented environment which has long hosted a wide variety of locally-owned restaurants and commercial and retail establishments. In recent years, this urban downtown center has seen the development of nearby suburban malls and office complexes, which has made it difficult to grow the character associated with Broad Street. This project represents the significant commitment which has been made by the Township of Bloomfield, the business community, and residents alike in their intention to revitalize the economic viability of this neighborhood. The North Center Business District, along with Brookside Park, is a longstanding cultural resource to the residents of Bloomfield. This project defines the neighborhood as a cornerstone of the local culture within the Township.

Does the project have support from the host community?  Yes  No  N/A

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The Township of Bloomfield fully supports the project. The Open Public Meetings Act gave the public ample opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the included proposals. A draft resolution and letters of support are attached to this application. Public support for the project has been very positive and encouraging. The Town Council of Bloomfield worked with a consultant to develop the Capital Improvements Master Plan for this corridor, which included a Community Open House and Workshop as well as a public presentation for all business owners. In addition, this project represents one of the first Essex County "Complete Streets" initiatives which can be completed by the spring of next year.

Is the project located in the top 140 Urban Aid Communities?  Yes  No  
The Township of Bloomfield is within the top 140 Urban Aid Communities as defined by the New Jersey Department of Transportation through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Has the applicant adopted a Complete Streets policy or resolution?

Yes     No

Please provide the name and title of the person who will be in responsible charge of the project. This is a person who will be aware of the project's day-to-day operations, involved in decisions about changed conditions, aware of the qualifications and performance of staff at all stages of the project, and visiting the project with appropriate frequency.

Paul Lasek - Township Engineer

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Timeline

Provide a project timeline from start to finish in a table or list format. Indicate progress milestones (such as easement acquisitions, if needed, and environmental and historical preservation approvals) by the number of months from written authorization to proceed to project completion and evaluation of results. Project must receive federal authorization within two years of the date that the applicant is notified of project selection. If the project is not authorized within two years of the award, the grant will be rescinded and the applicant will have to reapply.

North Center Business District Re-visualization Project History and Schedule

August 2011-December 2011: Township of Bloomfield worked with consultant to develop a Capital Improvements Master Plan for the North Center corridor. This partnership included a Community Open House and Workshop to include and assess public opinion.

January 2012-July 2012: Township of Bloomfield allocated \$1,000,000 towards the project and developed full construction documents in preparation of Phase 1.

August 2012: Finalization of Phase 1 Construction Documents and issue the project's components for public bidding.

Fall 2012/Spring 2013: Construction scheduled to begin (anticipated 3 month construction schedule).

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Partnership and Public Outreach

Attach up to 5 letters of support from non-partner organizations or individuals. Letters of support must be addressed to the applicant, not the Department of Transportation. In order to be eligible, letters must be dated no earlier than January 1 of the calendar year prior to the current

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Cost Estimate

Total Project Cost                    \$1,783,000 00

Total Amount Requested                \$600,000 00

Attach a detailed cost estimate for the project  
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