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## Christie Administration Opens Portion Of Route 206 Bypass In Hillsborough

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### *Governor Christie Names New Roadway For Late Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi*

Trenton, NJ – The Christie Administration today opened a portion of the Route 206 Bypass between Amwell Road and Hillsborough Road in Hillsborough, Somerset County. The bypass, championed by the late Hillsborough Mayor and Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi, will be named in his honor.

“Peter Biondi was a tireless advocate for the people of Hillsborough and all of his constituents,” said Governor Christie. “He served his community on the Township Committee, as Mayor, as a Somerset County Freeholder, and as a State Assemblyman. I can think of no better way to honor his legacy than dedicating this roadway in his name.”

The New Jersey Department of Transportation’s (DOT) contractor, Carbro Inc., a Hillsborough-based company, began construction on the \$44 million state-funded first contract of this project in August 2010. The 1.7-mile stretch that is opening today is the center section of the bypass. The two ends of the bypass connecting it to the existing Route 206 will be constructed under a future contract.

“Opening this portion of the bypass is the first step to relieving congestion on Route 206 and moves Hillsborough another step closer toward its goal of creating a vibrant town center,” DOT Commissioner James Simpson said.

“Assemblyman Biondi was committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community,” Hillsborough Mayor Frank DelCore said. “This road will do that by helping to relieve congestion while providing an opportunity to develop a Main Street-like town center that will benefit residents and local businesses.”

The project will shift next month to preliminary work on the sections that will complete the bypass to the north and south of this center section. During this phase of construction, utilities will be relocated, and DOT’s contractor for the second contract, Konkus Corporation, will begin clearing trees, grading, and drainage work. This work will take approximately 18 months.

The southern end of the project will connect the bypass from Hillsborough Road to the existing Route 206 at Mountain View Road, where a new signalized intersection will be built.

On the northern end, the bypass will connect seamlessly into the existing Route 206 near Old Somerville Road. A signalized interchange with a jug handle and ramps will be constructed allowing motorists to access the portion of existing Route 206 running parallel to the bypass. These portions of the project will be constructed under a future contract, which NJDOT anticipates will begin in the fall of 2016.

When completed, the Route 206 Bypass will shift through traffic onto a new 3.6-mile section of Route 206 to the east of the existing highway between Mountain View Road and Old Somerville Road, creating opportunities for the development of a town center along the current Route 206 in Hillsborough Township, Somerset County.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Real time travel and construction information is available online at [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org).

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