

## Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Travels to Cumberland and Salem Counties in Support of Grants for Important Local Infrastructure Projects

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### **Upper Deerfield Township And Lower Alloways Creek Township To Receive Grants For Upgrades To Local Roads**

**Trenton, NJ** – Furthering the Christie Administration’s commitment to supporting local governments with needed transportation infrastructure improvement, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner James Simpson traveled to Upper Deerfield Township and Lower Alloways Creek Township to announce Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grants for the two communities. These state funds are designed to advance street improvement, rehabilitation and safety projects without increasing the tax burden for local residents.

Cumberland County was awarded a \$230,000 grant for improvements to County Road 540 in Upper Deerfield and Hopewell Townships and will replace a functionally obsolete bridge between the two towns. Lower Alloways Creek Township was awarded a \$430,000 grant for improvements to Alloways Creek Neck Road. The town plans to resurface the access road to the Salem Nuclear Generating Station and the Hope Creek Generating Station. This access road has not been paved in 25 years.

“The Upper Deerfield and Lower Alloways Creek Township transportation grants will provide needed infrastructure upgrades to improve overall safety and make the daily commute for Cumberland and Salem residents a little easier. These funds will also spur important economic activity locally and create good-paying construction jobs,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “The Christie Administration is determined to help local governments make necessary improvements without placing a heavy burden on local taxpayers.”

There are 25 grants totaling \$11.4 million that will enable 14 municipalities, eight freight railroads and three airports to advance infrastructure improvement projects. Among the grants are 13 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grants totaling \$2.75 million, eight Rail Freight Assistance Program grants for \$6.6 million and four State Airport Improvement Program grants totaling \$2 million.

“The range of these grants illustrate how diverse modes of travel give shape to New Jersey’s robust transportation network,” said NJDOT Commissioner James Simpson. “These grants promote air, rail and vehicular transportation, each of which plays a role in driving our economy. The Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grants allow municipalities and counties like Cumberland and Salem to make vital improvements to streets without burdening local property taxpayers.”

The Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grants, ranging from \$37,000 to \$430,000, have been awarded to municipalities in 13 different counties. Twelve of the grants go to individual towns, with one grant being awarded to Cumberland County, which is taking the lead on a project that falls within Hopewell and Upper Deerfield townships. The remaining grants will fund a variety of projects, including repairs to streets, drainage systems, a railroad crossing and a boardwalk. A complete list of the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund grant recipients and amounts is available [here](#).

The eight freight railroad grants, ranging from \$202,000 to \$1.6 million, support track rehabilitation and construction projects in Sussex, Passaic, Morris, Hudson, Hunterdon, Salem, Gloucester, Cumberland and Atlantic counties. The grants will fund work to remove and replace railroad ties, strengthen rail bridges and install new track and switches.

Three general aviation airports are receiving four grants, with Trenton-Mercer Airport (Mercer County) receiving nearly \$1.4 million to support an airport security fence project. Sky Manor Airport (Hunterdon County) is receiving \$147,250 for an aircraft apron and Central Jersey Airport (Somerset County) is receiving two grants \$212,000 for a General Aviation fuel tank and self-service system and for security fencing.

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