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Governor Christie Continues Statewide Tour of Transportation Trust Fund Work with Route 130 Resurfacing Project in Middlesex County

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Thousands of Drivers, Businesses To Benefit Every Day

Trenton, NJ – With hundreds of transportation projects underway throughout the state due to Governor Chris Christie's historic tax-cutting Transportation Trust Fund solution, Governor Christie visited today the site of a \$4.5-million resurfacing project on Route 130 in South Brunswick.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) work encompasses two travel lanes in each direction for 5.1 miles: Northbound from Cedar Brook in Cranbury to East Arterial Road in South Brunswick, and Southbound from Route 32 to just past County road 522/Ridge Road in South Brunswick. Work began on May 30 and is expected to conclude shortly. Approximately 35,000 vehicles travel that section of roadway every day.

"We see resurfacing, bridge repair, and safety improvements like the Route 130 project going on throughout the state having a direct positive impact on people's lives, making their commutes safer and easier, emphasizing how critical my bipartisan cost-cutting Transportation Trust Fund solution is to all New Jerseyans," said Governor Christie. "These projects are essential to maintaining consistent growth of our state's economy and housing market, curbing average vehicle maintenance expenses by \$600 per year, facilitating access to businesses along those routes and creating construction jobs."

The Governor's eight-year bipartisan Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) solution will generate nearly \$4 billion annually in matching state and federal funds for New Jersey's transportation infrastructure. That legislation signed in October also delivered the first broad-based tax cut for New Jerseyans since 1994, including a decrease in the sales tax; a greater Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor; lower state income tax on pension and retirement income; the elimination of the nation's most oppressive estate tax; and income tax relief for military veterans. These tax cuts are estimated to save taxpayers \$164 million this year, and \$1.4 billion when fully phased-in by 2021. TTF dollars also serve as direct property tax relief, as they are distributed to municipalities and counties across the state to improve local infrastructure.

This Route 130 project is funded through the bipartisan \$400 million TTF supplement for Fiscal Year 2017 that the Governor requested for immediate action on multiple essential road, bridge and mass transportation projects. In Middlesex County, there are five TTF projects underway with about \$58.5 million from the supplemental allotment, including the Trembley Point Connector Road construction, bridge repair over the Delaware and Raritan Canal, Route 1 congestion relief in South Brunswick and improvements to the North Brunswick Rail Station. Overall, there are six TTF-funded capital projects in concept development or design and 39 NJDOT capital projects in design or under construction in this county.

The NJDOT maintains 13,341 lane miles of roadways, shoulders and ramps. The percentage of good pavement on NJDOT roads has increased to 67 percent in 2016 from a low of 47 percent in 2008. Resurfacing projects are designed for a 10-year lifespan. For the past six years, NJDOT has resurfaced an average of 664 lane miles each year.

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