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Township Officials Meet with NJDOT on Bypass Update *Project to Begin Spring of 2018*

Mayor Gloria McCauley, Township and NJDOT Officials met Tuesday morning for the status update on the Route 206 Bypass project.

“We are excited and looking forward to the completion of this phase of the project,” commented Mayor Gloria at the opening of the meeting.

Those in attendance from NJDOT were George Worth, Project Manager of the Route 206 Bypass, Meredith Hammond, Community Relations NJDOT, Matt Loper, Somerset County Engineer, Hillsborough Township Mayor Gloria McCauley, Administrator Anthony Ferrera, Township Planner David Maski and Assistant Township Engineer Tom Belanger.

The Route 206 Bypass in Hillsborough was first considered as early as the 1970s, as the community began to develop. It remained only a concept until the early 2000s. Near the end of 2006, then Mayor Carl Suraci called on the New Jersey Department of Transportation to remove the “no-build” scenario from the Bypass plan.

Following the necessary environmental studies, in June of 2007, the “no-build” scenario was lifted from the plan and an official design was presented to the Hillsborough Township Committee. By August of 2010, then Mayor Frank DelCore was joined by local and state officials to break ground and officially start construction of the Route 206 Bypass, mid-section.

At the time of the groundbreaking, the planning stages for the second phase, known as Contract B, had an estimated start date of 2012. However, by March of 2012, DOT confirmed that the Bypass project timeline would exceed what was originally anticipated, however, they also reaffirmed their commitment to the completion of the project.

On July 18, 2013, Governor Chris Christie signed into law a bill officially renaming the Route 206 Bypass to the “Peter J. Biondi Bypass.” in honor of the late Assemblyman and Hillsborough Mayor Peter J. Biondi. An official dedication and road opening occurred later that same year.

Construction of the final phase of the Bypass will begin in the Spring of 2018, with the anticipated completion in 2020. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and reduce congestion through Hillsborough Township with the completion of the Route 206 Hillsborough Bypass and the subsequent widening of Route 206 North of the Bypass. For questions about the project, press should contact the NJDOT Communications Office at 609-530-4280.

About the New Jersey Department of Transportation:

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