

Hunterdon Roads And Bridges Annual Report Provides Extensive Look At Road Safety Projects

The Hunterdon County Department of Public Works and Engineering's 2019 Annual Report, which provides a photographic and informational summary of various road, bridge and culvert improvement projects completed last year, demonstrates the magnitude of the County's transportation infrastructure responsibilities, Freeholder Zach T. Rich reported at the August 18th Freeholder Board meeting.

Freeholder Rich, the Board's liaison for the Department, said, "The 2019 list of projects, including twelve road paving and reconstruction projects and over twenty bridge and culvert improvement projects, is worth public review. The report shows the true extent of the hard work and construction expertise of the county's infrastructure maintenance programs.

Understanding how tax dollars are being spent is valuable information for county residents and seeing the results showcases the care and detail the County's Public Works and Engineering Department takes to maintain safety on our county's roadways."

The report, complete with before and after photos of various projects, is available on the County website here;

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/pdf/roadsandbridges/2019RoadsandBridgesSummary.pdf>

The report details where in-house Department personnel were engaged with a project and, if a private contractor performed the work, the name of the company that was awarded the project by the Freeholders, through the low bid process. Information on the cost of each project is also included.

Rich pointed out that, "reconstruction of parts of County Routes 519 and 523 are highlighted, along with five road surface treatments that were completed in Readington, Holland Township, West Amwell, Flemington and Raritan Township, among other significant initiatives."

"The in-house projects show off the skills of the Department's crews and carry with them cost savings because outside contractor services do not need to be engaged," Rich added.

The Annual Report also provides information on the painting of eight bridges, which protects the life of the bridge materials and structures, and that nineteen roadways throughout the county had traffic stripes applied providing for vehicle safety.