

## **Van Doren: Public Works Projects Meeting 2018 Goals**

Hunterdon County Freeholder Shaun Van Doren, the Board's liaison for Engineering and Public Works, reported at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Freeholder meeting that public works projects are on schedule and expected to meet 2018 goals.

Freeholder Van Doren stated, "The Department of Engineering and Public Works establishes an aggressive schedule of road and bridge improvements each year, in order to keep those residents and visitors using the roadways safe. At present, the Department is on course to meet its 2018 goals."

Van Doren reported, the initial activities for the resurfacing of County Route 523 in Delaware and Stockton has begun, as planned. "I am advised that the contractor, DeSantis Construction, will continue to do prep work such as inlet repair and tree trimming this fall, in order to get ready to mill and pave in the Spring."

Van Doren reported information on other 2018 projects:

"The replacement of bridge L-25-W on Point Mountain Road in Lebanon Township is ahead of schedule. The roadway and substructure work should be completed before Thanksgiving, at which point the Contractor will have to wait to approximately December 17th for the truss to be delivered before work can commence to complete the project.

The resurfacing and surface treatment project consisting of nine different County roads, totaling approximately 12.5 miles (County Roadways 514, 579, 600, 626, 631, 641, 643, 647, 652) has been substantially completed."

Van Doren noted, "The annual surface treatment project is an efficient and economic maintenance tool the County utilizes to preserve the roadways in good condition, ensuring that expensive reconstruction work occurs along the planned timeline."

"Maintaining and improving County roads and bridges is a key priority for the Freeholders, as evidenced by the fact that it is far and away the largest capital and operating budget allocation for the County," the Freeholder concluded.