

Transit Villages 2021
TV-2021-Pedestrians to Transit: Safety and M-00011
Type of Improvement: 1

Infrastructure

Purpose

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☒ Pedestrian Safety | Primary project purpose is to increase safety at key intersections incorporating video surveillance. |
| ☐ Quality of Life | Primary project purpose is for beautification, environmental mitigation, economic development or historic preservation. |
| ☐ Bikeways | Primary project purpose is for constructing new bikeways (e.g. bike lanes, bike paths, bike compatible roadways). |
| ☐ Mobility | Primary project purpose is to enhance mobility and reduce congestion (e.g. adding lanes, signal optimization). |

Is the project either wholly or partially within a ½ mile radius of the municipality's transit facility?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Projects that are outside 1/2 mile radius of the municipality's transit facilities are not eligible for this program. Please apply under Municipal Aid program.

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Project Name: Pedestrians to Transit: Safety and Messaging

Note: If you have multiple locations for the same type of improvement and scope of work, you may enter "various" for the project limits, [download the excel spreadsheet here](#), fill it out and attach it below.

Project Title: Pedestrians to Transit: Safety and Messaging

From: various

To: South Amboy NJ Transit Station

Project Distance (Miles): 0.5

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Project Location

County to filter by: Middlesex County

Municipalities: South Amboy City

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Scope Of Work

Please provide description for Scope of Work:

South Amboy requests \$120,732.70 in grant funding to implement a comprehensive transit safety and messaging program that will address current issues with an eye on the future of South Amboy's Transit Village . Each year, police and city staff receive numerous complaints from pedestrians and residents concerned about the speeding of drivers, particularly during commute times to/from the South Amboy train station. According to 2017 statistics, the average daily ridership at the train station is 1,036 people. The capacity of transit parking is 544 spaces, indicating that roughly 52% of riders are commuting in and out of the area by car and 48% are reaching the station by foot or other means. South Amboy is a small community of approximately 8,631 residents in just over 1.5 square miles, meaning the majority of the city and its business district lies within the transit village designated area. Therefore, ease of pedestrian circulation, along with that of local and commuter traffic is critical to ensuring the safety of neighborhood residents, local business workers and patrons in addition to commuters. Major growth will also soon have a large impact on our Transit Village . Approximately 2,475 units of housing, a passenger ferry terminal with an additional 750 spaces for parking, and waterfront amenities are planned to break ground in 2020. This will add an estimated 5000 residents and create another transit hub within a half mile of the NJ Transit train station, driving more traffic and activity to the area.

The proposed project is designed to improve pedestrian safety within the transit village area through the installation of coordinated LED signage with traffic calming and transit messaging capabilities . This signage program will target not only pedestrians traveling within the village but commuter car traffic entering the area to reach the NJ Transit train station. The project includes:

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: A series of 14 LED pedestrian crossing signs will be installed at seven key intersections along Broadway – the main artery that parallels the North Jersey Coast train line. These signs will replace standard crossing signs at the most heavily used pedestrian crosswalks approaching the train station. The intersections that will be addressed are those that front the train station on South Broadway and intersect with Bordentown Ave, George, John, Henry, David, and Augusta Streets, as well as the intersection at N. Broadway and Main. All of these intersections, except for one at Bordentown Ave are within a quarter-mile of the train station. The Bordentown Ave location is only one block beyond and provides a direct linkage to South Amboy Middle and High School, as well as two senior citizen housing complexes, the City Community Center and a neighborhood of low-income housing. Our Public Works Department will install these solar powered signs.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES: Two locations on Broadway have also been identified for enhanced LED radar/speed limit signs to alert drivers to excessive speeds. One is a sharp curve just before the train station and a second in the midst of a straightaway four blocks to the south where speeding vehicles are often observed. Broadway is lined with businesses and on-street parallel parking that can distract drivers from seeing pedestrians if traveling at speeds greater than 25 mph. In addition to traffic calming, the proposed signs are equipped to passively collect traffic data that will be beneficial for consideration in future improvements . Public Works will install these signs.

TRANSIT MESSAGING: A convergence of arterial routes, Route 9, Route 35 and the GS Parkway that skirt the west side of the City makes the South Amboy train station a convenient destination, yet traffic must push through small city streets to reach the station parking. This project will post LED message signage at three of the busiest "gateways" leading to the train station. At up to one-half mile away these signs will inform drivers

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that they are entering the transit village, advise the proper speed limit and offer updated transit and parking information, such as which parking lots are full, when the next train is expected, and other relevant information. Providing drivers with this information will inform their decision-making, eliminate unnecessary circling for parking and lower their tendency to speed which endangers pedestrians. The cost of installation is included in the budget.

Location Map - 8.5 x 11 only - showing project limits

https://njsage.intelligrants.com/_Upload/2250615_1775356-SignlocationMaphalf-milefinal.pdf

Note: All information must be clear and legible with street names labeled.

Does this project include a traffic signal? () Yes (✓) No

If **Yes**, Please attach authorization to design or install if available.

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Transit Village Data Sheet

Project Classification

Please select the one most applicable:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ New Sidewalk | ☐ Pedestrian Walkway |
| ☐ Pedestrian Overpass | ☐ Pedestrian Underpass |
| ☐ Pedestrian Bridge | ☐ Crosswalk |
| ☐ Sidewalk Replacement | ☒ Signage |
| ☐ Warning Devices | ☐ Traffic Calming |
| ☐ Intersection Improvement | ☐ Lighting |

Is the project either wholly or partially within a ¼ mile radius circle of the municipality's transit facility? (✓) Yes () No

If yes, please attach map.

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Will the project improve pedestrian safety and pedestrian connections to transit or within the transit village (i.e. that portion of the municipality which is located within a ½ mile radius circle of the transit facility)? (✓) Yes () No

Will the project improve bicycle access to transit or within the transit village? (✓) Yes () No

Will the project enhance the user's experience at the transit facility? (✓) Yes () No

Attach letters of support. Letters of support must be addressed to the applicant. Letters from the Mayor, Council, or other elected or appointed officials of the applicant municipality are not eligible letters of support. Eligible letters may be from community organizations, citizens, levels of government and elected officials other than those of the applicant municipality, and any and all interested parties.

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https://njsage.intelligrants.com/_Upload/2250680_1775303-YMCALetterofSupportforSouthAmboyTownship.pdf

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Total Estimated Cost of Improvement

Construction Cost:	\$120,732.70
Please attach a Detailed Construction Cost Estimate (Word, Excel, or PDF format please) https://njsage.intelligrants.com/_Upload/2264294_1775237-BudgetQuotesandImagesv2.pdf	
Design Engineering: (Eligible for up to 5% of Grant Amount)	\$0
Right-of-Way: (List only if eligible for Urban Aid or as a Depressed Rural Center)	\$0
Construction Inspection and Material Testing if requesting: (15% of the final allowable construction cost maximum)	\$0
Total Estimated Cost:	\$120,732.70
Total Requested Amount	\$120,732.70

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Local Aid & Legislative Districts

Legislative Districts: 19
Local Aid Districts: District 3, Trenton

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Applicant Information

Name of Grantee: South Amboy City

Organization Address

South Amboy City
140 North Broadway
South Amboy, NJ 08879-1647
Phone: (732) 525-5923

Email Address:

Federal Tax Identification Number:

Vendor Number:

Vendor Unit:

Vendor Unit Address


SOUTH AMBOY CITY
MUNICIPAL BLDG
140 N BROADWAY
S AMBOY, NJ 08879

Application Initiation Date: 05/28/2020

Check here if the applicant information displayed below is inaccurate. Enter the updated information in the boxes provided.

Municipality applicants should update Mayor, Clerk and Municipal Engineer Information. County applicants should update County Executive/Freeholder Director, Clerk and County Engineer information.

Mayor Information

First Name: Fred
Last Name: Henry
County: Middlesex
Municipality: City of SOuth Amboy
Address 1: 140 North Broadway
Address 2:
City: South Amboy
State: New Jersey
Zip: 08879
Phone: 732 525 7933
E-Mail: mayor@southamboynj.gov

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Applicant Information

Clerk Information

First Name: Deborah
Last Name: Brooks
County: Middlesex
Municipality: City of South Amboy
Address 1: 140 North Broadway
Address 2:
City: South Amboy
State: New Jersey
Zip: 08879
Phone: 732 525 5920
E-Mail: brooksd@southamboynj.com
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Municipal Engineer

First Name: Mark
Last Name: Rasimowicz
County: Middlesex
Municipality: City of South Amboy
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Englishtown Road
Address 2:
City: Monroe Township
State: New Jersey
Zip: 08831
Phone: 732 605 9440
E-Mail: mrasimowicz@centerstate
engineering.com

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Signature Page

Title of presiding officer who will be signing this application/agreement: Mayor

Please [Click here](#) download the attached Resolution/Agreement, complete, sign/seal and submit three (3) originals to the Local Aid District Office after your application has been submitted through NJDOT SAGE . Failure to submit this document within 30 days of your application submission date may jeopardize funding participation from NJDOT.

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Rating Sheet

Transit Village Projects

Local Aid = 3

Planning & NJ Transit Total = 0

Click [HERE](#) for Rating Sheet Instructions

MEET PROGRAM CRITERIA (13 Points)

Eligibility

Is the project either wholly or partially within a ½ mile radius of an existing transit facility?

If NO - STOP - DO NOT proceed with rating. Explain under REMARKS.

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Map in Application)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Location

Is the project either wholly or partially within a ¼ mile radius of an existing transit facility?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Map in Application)

(Yes = 5 pts., No = 2 pts.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Walkability

Will the project improve pedestrian safety and pedestrian connections to transit or within the transit village?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Application)

(0 = 0 pts., 1 = 1 pt., 2 = 2 pts., 3 = 3 pts., 4 = 4 pts.)

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Comments:

Bicycling

Will the project provide dedicated bicycle access to transit or within the transit village?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Application)

(0 = 0 pts., 1 = 1 pt., 2 = 2 pts., 3 = 3 pts., 4 = 4 pts.)

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☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Comments:

PROJECT NEED (5 Points)

Quality of Life

Will the project enhance the user's experience at the transit facility?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Application)

(0 = 0 pts., 1 = 1 pt., 2 = 2 pts.)

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Comments:

NJ Transit Project

Does NJ Transit Plan on awarding a construction project at this location within 2 years of the grant notification?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: NJ Transit)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Economic Opportunity Zone (EOZ)

Does the Project fall within the EOZ?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: List will be supplied by Trenton Office)

(Yes = 3 pt., No = 0 pts.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

DIVISION OFFICE RATING (3 Points)

Award Performance

Have projects been awarded within the allotted time frame on any previous State grants within the last 3 years?

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: Poor performers list will be supplied by Trenton office)

(Yes = 3 pts., No = 0 pts.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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TARGETED URBAN MUNICIPALITIES DESIGNATION (4 Points):

Targeted Urban Municipalities (TUMs) Designation

Is the municipality listed on the TUMs current list of designated urban municipalities? ([See Link](#))

Guidance ((Measure/Documentation: Application)

(Yes = 2 pts., No = 0 pts.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Last 3 Years Allotment

Has applicant applied and Not received a TV allotment within last 3 years? (e.g. has the applicant applied for TV grants in FY 2018, 2019 and 2020 and not received any TV grants?)

Guidance (Measure/Documentation: SAGE)

(Yes = 2 pts., No = 0 pts.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

TIE BREAKER:

Local Taxing Capacity

Effective tax rate of municipality will determine outcome. Please click [HERE](#) for Local Taxing Capacity.

REMARKS:

Projects with multiple locations

If a project has multiple locations, please upload rating sheet for each location here.

PREPARED BY:

Ruben / Pavan

Date:

9/4/2020

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Rating Sheet Summary

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LOCAL AID = 3

PLANNING & NJ TRANSIT TOTAL = 0

NAME OF PROJECT: Pedestrians to Transit:
Safety and Messaging

MUNICIPALITY: South Amboy City

COUNTY: Middlesex County

FROM: various

TO: South Amboy NJ Transit Station

FISCAL YEAR:2021

MEET PROGRAM CRITERIA (13 Points):

Criteria	Definition	Measure/Documentation	Points	Rater(s)	Points assigned to project	Comments
Eligibility	Is the project either wholly or partially within a ½ mile radius of an existing transit facility?If NO - STOP - DO NOT proceed with rating, explain under REMARKS.	Map in Application	N/A	Planning and NJ Transit	N/A	
Location	Is the project either wholly or partially within a ¼ mile radius of an existing transit facility?Yes = 5, No = 2	Map in Application	2 or 5	Planning & NJ Transit	0	
Walkability	Will the project improve pedestrian safety and pedestrian connections to transit or within the	Application	0 to 4	Planning & NJ Transit	0	

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	transit village? Yes = 1, 2, 3, or 4, No = 0				
Bicycling	Will the project provide dedicated bicycle access to transit or within the transit village? Yes = 1, 2, 3, or 4, No = 0	Application	0 to 4	Planning & NJ Transit	0

PROJECT NEED (5 Points):

Criteria	Definition	Measure/Documentation	Points	Rater(s)	Points assigned to project	Comments
Quality of Life	Will the project enhance the user's experience at the transit facility? Yes = 1, or 2, No = 0	Application	0 or 2	Planning & NJ Transit	0	
NJ Transit Project	Does NJ Transit plan on awarding a construction project at this location within 2 years of the grant notification?	NJ Transit Construction Schedule	N/A	Planning & NJ Transit	N/A	
Economic Opportunity Zone (EOZ)	Does the Project fall with the EOZ? Yes = 3, No = 0	List will be supplied by Trenton Office	0 or 3	Division Office	0	

DIVISION OFFICE RATING (7 Points):

Criteria	Definition	Measure/Documentation	Points	Rater(s)	Points assigned to project	Comments
Award Performance	Have projects been awarded within the allotted time frame on any previous State grants within the last 3 years? Yes = 3, No = 0	Poor performers list will be supplied by Trenton office	0 or 3	Division Office	3	N/A
Targeted Urban	Is the municipality listed on the	Application	0 or 2	Division	0	N/A

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Municipalities (TUMs) Designation	Targeted Urban Municipalities (TUMs) current list of designated urban municipalities? Yes = 2 No = 0			Office		
Last 3 Years Allotment	Has applicant applied and Not received a TV allotment within last 3 years? (e.g. has the applicant applied for TV grants in FY 2018, 2019 and 2020 and not received any TV grants?) Yes = 2, No = 0	SAGE	0 or 2	Division Office	0	N/A

TIE BREAKER:

Criteria	Definition	Measure/Documentation	Points	Points assigned to project	Comments
Local Taxing Capacity	Effective tax rate of municipality will determine outcome.	Tax rate tables provided by Trenton Office. <u>See</u> <u>Instructions</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	

PREPARED BY: Ruben / Pavan Date: 9/4/2020

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Rating Input

Ratings		Amount	
Rating	Tie Breaker	Recommended Amount	Recommended Total
8		\$0	\$0

Remarks

Remarks (Planning & NJ Transit)

Division Office ONLY			
Approved	Date Of Letter	Grant Award Amount	Total Grant Award Amount
() Yes () No		\$0	\$0

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State Route Identifier

Route Identifier	From	To