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Bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations call upon the State Legislature and the Governor to solve the TTF Crisis

Organizations representing pedestrians and bicyclists throughout New Jersey call upon the state legislature and the governor to resolve the state's TTF crisis and find a funding solution that provides dedicated funds to maintain the state's roads, bridges and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Many people rely on walking and on riding a bicycle for transportation to their place of work, to run errands, and to otherwise provide for themselves and their families. Critical bicycle and pedestrian projects that are designed to make the roads safer for bike riders and pedestrians are among the projects included in the state's shutdown due to the expiration of TTF funds. The list of bicycle and pedestrian projects contains 19 projects in 17 municipalities and 10 counties, totaling over \$4.1 million in projects; 16 of the projects are for actual construction and three are concept development projects.

New Jersey has one of the nation's highest number of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities as a percentage of all road deaths. In 2015 alone, over 30%—twice the national average—of all New Jersey road deaths were attributed to pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. New Jersey has been identified as a pedestrian focus state by the Federal Highway Administration. It is imperative that these essential projects be resumed as soon as possible. The state cannot afford to delay much needed safety improvements.