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Cyndi Steiner, Executive Director
New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition
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Dear Ms. Steiner:

I am following up on a meeting we had earlier this year with members of my staff and several bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups to discuss NJDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), delivery of TAP projects, and obligation of TAP funds. I would like to share with you progress made to date. I am pleased to announce that NJDOT authorized \$23 million in TAP funded projects in Federal Fiscal Year 2018 which ended on September 30th. This exceeds the \$20 million programmed and represents funding for the design and construction of 31 local TAP infrastructure projects throughout the state. This includes larger and regionally significant projects such as the Union Transportation Trail - \$1.3 million; Woodbridge Bicycle Connect - \$1.1 million; and the Delaware River Heritage Trail - \$8.5 million. A list of TAP projects authorized in FFY 2018 is attached.

As a result of these authorizations, no prior year TAP apportionments will lapse in FFY 18.

The improved delivery of TAP projects can be attributed to a number of ongoing NJDOT initiatives intended to assist and support local agencies in the delivery of their TAP projects including NJDOT's Design Assistance Program, LPA training courses, pre-application workshops, and dedicated Local Aid staff support. NJDOT continues to expand its local program support through its Commitment to Communities Initiative. Consistent with this, focus groups were recently conducted to better understand TAP

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recipient's needs and work is currently underway to establish a Local Aid Resource Center.

NJDOT will continue to work with local grant recipients and partner with active transportation advocates with the goal of having an equally successful 2019 TAP program year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'M Russo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Russo
Assistant Commissioner
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