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# Hunterdon Gains Over \$1.8 Million In State Funds For Bridge Improvements

Hunterdon County has been notified by the state Department of Transportation of \$1,861,185 in grant funding from the 2019 Local Bridge Future Needs program, Freeholder Shaun Van Doren, liaison for the Department of the Engineering and Public Works, reported at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Freeholder meeting.

Van Doren stated, "The soundness and safety of the 246 bridges for which the County is responsible is a priority concern for the Freeholder Board. These valuable grant funds will help offset the local taxpayer cost of improvements for three important bridge projects."

Hunterdon will receive nearly \$500,000 for replacement of bridge L-6, which is located on County Route 513 at the intersection of Hickory Run Road in Lebanon Township.

The 2019 grant can be added to \$1,000,000 in State funding that was already earmarked for this project. The bridge and is slated for construction in 2020, according to the County Department.

One million dollars in Local Bridge Future Needs funding has been allocated for the replacement of bridge A-45, on Route 619 in Alexandria. The project is scheduled for 2021.

The bridge on Mill Road over the Rockaway Creek in Readington, designated R-24, is in line for rehabilitation funding of \$362,000 and has a 2020 start date.

According to the notification from NJDOT, as part of the statewide capital investment strategy, the Department is focusing on bridges under the jurisdiction of counties with emphasis on repair, reconstruction, and replacement.

Van Doren concluded, "The County Department of Engineering and Public Works is to be congratulated on their success in obtaining these grants."