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## TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

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Mr. Steven J. Edmond, P.E.  
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Re: Shoulder improvements to County roads

Dear Mr. Edmond:

At a meeting held on April 5, 2005 at the County Planning offices with the County Planning Director and Highlands Council staff, the issues of transportation and recreation were discussed. At that time, I highlighted the necessity to provide needed safety improvements and to allow for other modes of transportation, such as bicycling and pedestrian movement, within the existing roadway network. As you know, the County road network provides valuable links for our residents to move about the Township. This holds true for vehicles, bicycles, joggers and pedestrians, especially our children, moving from one neighborhood to the next who must all safely coexist.

The Planning Board has been discussing as part of its Circulation Element of the Master Plan, the importance of improving the shoulders of the roadway system to allow for pedestrian and bicycle traffic and to provide safer roads. Our Township Engineer has been incorporating this improvement into local road repaving projects with great success. However, due to the integral nature of the County roadway network in the Township, it is important that the County also assist us by incorporating shoulder improvements into its roadway repaving projects.

Two years ago sections of Macopin Road were re-paved by the County. Prior to the re-paving, I had made a similar request to address the hazardous shoulders. Unfortunately this was not done and in the process the problem of edge drop-off was exacerbated. We have recently been advised of the 2005

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County road repaving program. We ask that you incorporate shoulder improvements when repaving these County roads to begin a program that will allow for safer pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Understanding that any given year may not result in a contiguous improvement, by incorporating this now, over a period of time, a contiguous roadway shoulder system will result, which will greatly benefit our residents.

Please advise me of the County's intentions to make these improvements so that the County and the Township may work together to provide an integrated, improved roadway network throughout West Milford Township in the best interests of our residents.

Very truly yours,

Michael Tfank  
Chairman  
Planning Board

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cc: Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Mayor Joseph Di Donato  
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Passaic County Planning Director

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