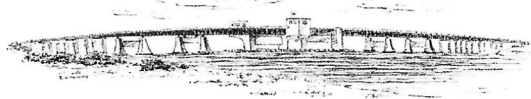


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May 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: U.S. Department of Transportation
Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity
Grassy Sound Bridge Rehabilitation and Roadway Safety Improvements Project
Middle Township, NJ Structure No. 3100-005

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Cape May County Bridge Commission owns and operates the Grassy Sound Bridge that connects the barrier islands of North Wildwood and Stone Harbor, NJ. This bridge is a vital link that supports the large tourist population as well as being an important evacuation route for the islands. The referenced project is necessary to address Priority 1 repairs that were identified in our biennial inspections and to ensure that the bridge remains in a good state of repair for the local communities. The Commission has committed an amount of \$150,000 of current revenues towards the construction of the project. Additional funding will likely become available in future fiscal years due to recent toll increases that took effect in March 2022.

The Commission appreciates your thoughtful consideration of the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity which will help improve the safety of the Grassy Sound Bridge and allow for economic success of the local region.

Very truly yours,

Karen Coughlin
Executive Director

cc: Carol Brand, Chairman
Lewis T. Donofrio Jr., P.E., Chief Engineer

