

NJTPA LOCAL CAPITAL PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAM

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Easton Avenue

**Funding awarded:
\$1,000,000**

Somerset County successfully applied for a \$1,000,000 grant for this project through the NJTPA’s Fiscal Year 2023 Local Capital Project Delivery Program. This project, led by the County, will investigate options for improving safety along Easton Avenue in Franklin Township.

Project Details

This study will identify and compare options for improving safety and operations along Easton Avenue (County Route 527). This road has the highest number of crashes—270 from 2014 to 2016—of any corridor in Somerset County and ranks third on the list of high crash corridors in the state.

About the Project Area

This project includes Easton Avenue from Worlds Fair Drive in Franklin Township to the New Brunswick border. Within the project area there are two sections with especially high crash rates: Willow Avenue to Worlds Fair Drive and Landing Lane/Franklin

Boulevard to Castleton Avenue. The road has two travel lanes in each direction with a two-foot shoulder through most of the project area. There is a major corporate and warehouse district at the northern end of the project area. The road also has a mix of retail and residential properties. The road lacks sidewalk and bicycle facilities in some areas.

The Local Capital Project Delivery Program

The NJTPA’s Local Capital Project Delivery Program awards grants to counties and cities to investigate all aspects of a project including environmental, right of way access, design and feasibility issues. Projects that complete this initial investigative work, called the Local Concept Development Phase, may be eligible for eventual construction with federal funds. For more information about the program, visit njtpa.org/lcpd.

