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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Deanna Stockton, *Deputy Administrator*
Jim Purcell, *Assistant Municipal Engineer*
Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Aid Grant Application for Pretty Brook Road Improvements
Date: July 1, 2026

Attached for Princeton Council's consideration at its July 13, 2026 meeting is a resolution to authorize the submittal of a proposed Municipal Aid grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for Pretty Brook Road Improvements.

Princeton retained Advanced Infrastructure Design, Inc. (AID) in 2022 to prepare a municipal-wide Pavement Condition Assessment for 117 roadway centerline miles. Pavement data was collected to evaluate the condition of the Princeton roadway network (including Pretty Brook Road) to prepare the necessary platform to make informed decisions and extend the life expectancy of transportation assets and improve safety, transportation operation and reliability, and infrastructure management. At the time of assessment, Pretty Brook Road was scored on the lower end of the rating scale for Princeton's overall roadway network. Improvements have not been made to the roadway since the findings from the 2022 report and the pavement condition has continued to deteriorate in the past 4 years. The following improvements are proposed:

- Roadway resurfacing from Province Line Road to Great Road
- Centerline and edge line pavement striping
- Raised pavement markings along the centerline to improve visibility
- Upgraded signage
- MS4 stormwater retrofits to the existing road drainage infrastructure

Due to Pretty Brook Road's rural natural and location near the ecologically sensitive Princeton Ridge, roadway lighting does not exist, and it is desirable to maintain this rural character for Dark Sky compliance and minimize fauna disturbance. There is existing lighting at intersections that will remain. Other considerations during design will include the evaluation of sight distance improvements at all intersections along Pretty Brook Road.

The design of the project construction plans will be prepared in-house. Construction inspection and administration services will be conducted by in-house staff as well. The 2024 capital budget ordinance has a \$500,000 allocation for improvements to Pretty Brook Road, which are estimated for the grant application to be slightly over \$1 million.

Princeton Council's support of the proposed grant application for improvements to the Pretty Brook Road improvements is requested and appreciated. Please contact us if you have any questions.