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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: James J. Purcell, PE, *Assistant Municipal Engineer*
Subject: Terhune Road Pedestrian Improvements II – Resolution to Extend Award Deadline
Date: April 23, 2026

The Terhune Road Pedestrian Improvements II project will complete the sidewalk network between Mt. Lucas Road and North Harrison Street. The project is partially funded by a 2024 Safe Streets to Transit grant from NJDOT for \$1,000,000. That grant originally stipulated that a construction contract award was to be made by November 27, 2025.

During design, the project experienced significant delays due to requirements imposed by NJDEP and DRCC. These requirements resulted in a request for an extension in the award deadline of 6 months. NJDOT granted that extension and established a new deadline of May 27, 2026.

NJDEP and DRCC permits were secured and issued on November 24, 2025 and January 21, 2026. Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) were completed for submission to NJDOT on March 4 and submitted to NJDOT for review on March 9. NJDOT completed their review on April 10 and requested that certain changes be made to the documents. While those changes were made and were submitted to us by our consultant on April 17, there is now insufficient time for final review by NJDOT and proceed with bidding by the May 27 deadline.

NJDOT, in recognition of this, recommended that another extension be granted in order to provide us with the time to complete the changes, submit to NJDOT, receive approval, and proceed with bidding. Staff have determined that a two-month extension is sufficient and is requesting a new award deadline of July 27, 2026.