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Borough of Franklin Lakes

Mayor John V. Lane
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Township of Wyckoff

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mayors,

This letter is to inform you of the ongoing efforts undertaken by the District 40 legislators regarding safety on the Route 208 corridor. As you know, we all had a very productive meeting with then Chief of Staff to the Governor, Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti and New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Fran O'Connor to discuss safety concerns for motorists and residential properties that abut Route 208.

Following our meeting, NJDOT has thoroughly investigated the roadside safety of the corridor. As part of their investigation, they conducted a crash study which identified five crash cluster locations. Of the five locations of concern, four are located at sites with existing guide rail, and the department is working to add guide rail to the fifth location.

The NJDOT also conducted a guide rail warrant analysis for the section of Route 208 running through the municipalities of Franklin Lakes, Wyckoff and Hawthorne. The analysis found that approximately 6,413 feet of additional guide rail is warranted along this section of the corridor. This includes six new runs of guide rail and 13 extensions of various lengths of existing rail. Once this work is complete, all five crash clusters will have barrier protection.

To move as fast as possible for the residents, NJDOT is looking to accomplish the construction of this new guide rail through multiple maintenance work orders, with the first scheduled to take place in the summer of 2025.

Additionally, NJDOT has agreed to further enhance safety of Route 208 by implementing a wider shoulder stripe along the right shoulder as well as installing raised pavement markers on the shoulder line. These safety enhancements are proven to improve motorists' nighttime visibility, especially during wet weather.

We thank you for all your advocacy and assistance on this matter. As always, the safety and well-being of the residents of the 40th Legislative District will always be our top priority.

Sincerely,

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