



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Towamencin Township Awarded \$825,000 Grant for Elimination of “Pinch” Point on Forty Foot Road**

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Towamencin Township has been awarded an \$825,000 grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Grant towards the funding of needed improvements to Forty Foot Road between Allentown Road and Sumneytown Pike. Forty Foot Road (SR 63) is a state-owned road under the authority of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Area State legislators, Senator Bob Mensch and Representative Kate Harper determinedly advocated the need for this project to the officials in Harrisburg and were directly instrumental in the Township receiving the grant within a very competitive environment across the full Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The project will eliminate a pinch point that is a source of significant traffic concerns from the motoring public, businesses, and residents in this area, by providing roadway widening for a second westbound through travel lane between the Detwiler Road intersection and the Newbury Way intersection. This project will provide a full 5-lane section of roadway throughout Forty Foot Road from Hatfield Township (Forty Foot Road and Welsh Road) to the Sumneytown Pike and Forty Foot Road intersection in Towamencin Township (1.7 mile) which will facilitate improved traffic flow in this area. This project also includes a proposed traffic signal at the intersection with Newbury Way and an access drive for the future redevelopment of the Towamencin Shopping Center.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,651,030. The required local grant match totaling \$801,000 is being provided by the private sector.

Towamencin Township has also submitted a grant through PennDOT seeking the balance of funds needed to complete the full project. A decision on that application is expected in early 2018.

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