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Route 130, New Jersey's Most Dangerous Road for Walking, Gets Funds for Safety Improvements

Statement of Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool on next steps:

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign applauds the award of a \$176,000 grant to the Township of Delran by the New Jersey Department of Transportation to fund sidewalk construction along Route 130. Delran was one of 22 Burlington County municipalities to share \$4.3 million in grants of the \$81.75 million statewide total from the NJDOT Local Aid program.

According to Tri-State's annual [*Most Dangerous Roads*](#) analysis, Route 130 has been the [most dangerous road](#) for pedestrians in the state for five consecutive years -- in fact, it has consistently held first or second place every year that Tri-State has performed the analysis between 2009 and 2015. Tri-State has long called for [improvements to](#) the notorious thoroughway, including a lowered speed limit and pedestrian safety infrastructure. Route 130 should be a top priority, as there were 28 fatalities between 2005 and 2013 alone.

Building sidewalks on Route 130 in Delran is a great first step towards improving pedestrian safety. Going forward, there must be a full-scale overhaul to transform the roadway from a high-speed thoroughfare into an attractive, multi-modal boulevard with additional crosswalks and pedestrian median islands. This will only be possible through the continued availability of state funding programs like Local Aid and Safe Streets to Transit, which are funded by the Transportation Trust Fund. With the Transportation Trust Fund expected to be bankrupt by the end of FY2016, the Governor and legislature must work together to find a long-term sustainable funding solution so that these funding sources remain available to municipalities. Only then can local, county and state

agencies effectively coordinate with residents and advocates to advance the goal of safer pedestrian corridors that promote economic development and save lives.

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