

PLAINSBORO: Safety work set for Plainsboro Road

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PLAINSBORO — The Township Committee approved a bond ordinance Wednesday that will allow it to make Plainsboro Road safer.

The committee approved spending approximately \$1.7 million on pedestrian safety improvements and traffic-calming measures on a section of Plainsboro Road from Enterprise Drive to Deer Creek Drive. The improvements will include installing planted medians, sidewalk improvements and some road reconstruction.

"It's an important project for Plainsboro so I'm happy to see that it's moving forward," said Mayor Peter Cantu.

The township received \$700,000 in federal money and \$440,000 from the state Department of Transportation to pay for the project. The remainder of the money will be provided by the township.

"We have been very fortunate to have had a significant amount of outside help," said Business Administrator Robert Sheehan.

The first phase of the project included similar improvements on a stretch between Deer Creek Drive and George Davison Road. "It's certainly improved pedestrian safety and slowed traffic a bit, which has led to additional pedestrian safety," said Mr. Sheehan.

Mr. Sheehan said the township studied the road after several pedestrian accidents.

"The road was open, and there were no medians as there are now," he said. "We were having concerns that here was excessive speeds along that road, and we had several pedestrian accidents, which led us to be concerned about the many people who live on the south side trying to get to the park on the other side."
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