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“A COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR COMMUNITY”

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Middletown Township Committee
1 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Middletown Township Committee members,

The Lincroft Village Green Association would like the Middletown Township Committee to pass a resolution to require the State Department of Transportation and the County of Monmouth to make various improvements that would lessen the amount of traffic traveling on Newman Springs Road (CR520) and Middletown-Lincroft/Swimming River Roads (CR50). The proximity of both Brookdale Community College and the Garden State Parkway Exit 109 to Lincroft has caused an excessive amount of traffic and subsequently dangerous situations on our roads.

Specifically, we would like the following improvements.

- 1) **Create a new exit on Rt. 18 at an extension of Laird Road.** Laird Road connects to Phalanx Road which leads to the Phalanx Road entrance of Brookdale Community College.
- 2) **Allow trucks to use the Garden State Parkway up to Exit 117 (Keyport exit).** Because trucks currently must exit at Exit 105, many choose to use CR537 and CR50 to travel to points in northern Monmouth County. Exit 117 allows trucks direct access to State Routes 35 & 36.
- 3) **Expand the Garden State Parkway Exit 105 to include full direct access to Rt. 18.** Currently Rt. 18 does not have a direct connection to and from GSP North. Consequently, residents along Rt. 18 who wish to travel north on the Parkway use CR520 to enter the Parkway at exit 109. A direct connection would encourage drivers to stay on the superhighways in their travels.
- 4) **Create an entrance and exit to northbound Garden State Parkway from Wayside Road in Tinton Falls.** Currently Wayside Road motorists can access the Parkway southbound via Rt. 18 but there is no connection to northbound GSP. Various truck destinations (County Land Fill, Marpal recycling center, etc.) are located near the Wayside intersection with Rt. 18 and the Garden State Parkway. The new northbound entrance and exit to the GSP from Wayside would not only help commuters but would also be a direct connection for trucks if they were allowed on the Parkway up to Exit 117.

A state task force recently proposed a requirement that all large inter- and intra-state trucks use national interstate and designated state highways. (A truck access/NJDOT map can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/truck/truck.pdf>) The proposal included continuing the ban on trucks north of exit 105 on the Garden State Parkway. Before the regulation takes affect, a public comment period is provided. Expanding exit 105 with connections to Rt. 18 and allowing trucks on the Parkway up to exit 117 will remove a substantial number of trucks from local roads. Middletown needs to make these requests in writing to NJDOT during the public comment period of the new state regulation.

Please act on these proposals as soon as possible by passing a resolution as outlined above.

Sincerely,

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Co-Presidents