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Kennett Township Awarded \$2.19 Million for Roundabout at '5 Points' Intersection

KENNETT_ Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced investments in 43 multimodal projects across the commonwealth on April 16th. Chester County was awarded funds for four projects with \$2,193,550 to Kennett Township to fund a roundabout at 'five points' intersection. Chairman of the Board, Dr. Richard Leff noted that, "Addressing the traffic concerns at the failing 5 points intersection has been a priority of this Board of Supervisors for several years." The Board of Supervisors authorized the application in November of 2020 noting several previously unsuccessful grant applications.

The project will install a roundabout at the intersection of South Union Street, Kaolin Road, Hillendale Road, and Old Kennett Road and will enhance the safety of the regions' residents and commuters, reduce growing congestion, and increase traffic efficiency.

Vice Chair Whitney Hoffman explained that as the rural community of Kennett Township experiences growth and changes, investment in infrastructure upgrades remains a top priority. "Investing in infrastructure is not always easy but it is a crucial responsibility of locally elected officials" said Hoffman, "We appreciate the funding assistance from the Commonwealth to improve this intersection that many people navigate on a daily basis."

Supervisor Scudder Stevens was very happy to hear the project was finally funded after many years of working with PennDOT and the state legislature. "This is a critical project in the Township that will improve the quality of life and travel for many" he said, "The Township first began spearheading this project at least 5 years ago, and I look forward to its completion."

Township Manager Eden Ratliff thanked PennDOT, and the Township's state elected officials, Senator John Kane and Representative Craig Williams, for their assistance in getting this project funded. Ratliff explained that this intersection is a combination of state and local roads noting that the Township elected to take on the challenge to address the failing intersection. "If Kennett Township was not proactive in securing funding for this project, upgrades would likely not occur before 2030."

The Township's local match to the project is \$767,743 for a total project costs of \$2,961,293. Final engineering is expected to begin in summer 2021.

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