

## **Proposed Remarks**

**Governor Jim Florio**

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**This is just the first of many more groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings that will soon take place in New Jersey.**

**Thanks to the Transportation Trust Fund cap lift, \$400 million dollars more will be available for transportation projects in the next 18 months.**

**The cap lift has also allowed the Department of Transportation to propose the largest capital transportation program in the history of the state. If approved by the Legislature, we will invest a record-breaking \$1.3 billion in our transportation system during fiscal year 1992.**

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By improving Routes 87 and 187 today, we will be supporting the future growth and well-being of Atlantic City, Brigantine and the whole state.

As I have said many times before, this region holds one of the key's to our state's economic success. It has the potential for becoming a national and international tourism destination.

But to capture a greater share of the market, we need to act now. There's too much at stake to wait, which is why—

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- The state entered into an agreement to buy the Atlantic City International Airport and to develop it further in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

- I have also endorsed the Transportation Executive Council's recommendation to create a South Jersey Transportation Authority to coordinate transportation improvements throughout southern New Jersey

There's more to come too, such as the planned Route 30 road improvements in Absecon and Galloway Township.

All of these initiatives will benefit visitors, but most importantly, the citizens of this area.

I want to assure you that we will keep working, but add that the state cannot do it all alone. The project that we are breaking ground on today represents the kind of partnerships that we'll need in the future. I want to thank Harrah's Casino and Trump Castle Casino for joining us in this effort. By working together, we are providing a project that will benefit the casinos, as well as the residents of

project that will benefit the casinos, as well as the residents of Atlantic City and Brigantine.

Today's groundbreaking marks the start of many more improvements and road projects to come, and it underscores this Administration's commitment to ensure that New Jersey works.