TO: Sustainable New Jersey

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Hussa

DATE: December 8, 2010

REF: Sustainable New Jersey - Credit for Complete Streets Resolution

Dear Program Administrator,
Transmitted herewith, please find our Complete Streets Resolution submission. Attached is a copy of said resolution passed by the Township Council and certified on November 24, 2010.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

P. Ted Hussa
WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for cleaner air, greater health of the population, reduced traffic congestion, more livable communities, less reliance on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources and more efficient use of road space and resources; and

WHEREAS, in its February 24, 1999 Policy Statement, "Guidance on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions of the Federal-Aid Program", the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) urged states to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations routinely in their programmed highway projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the US Department of Transportation advised states receiving federal funds that bicycling and walking facilities will be incorporated into all transportation projects unless exceptional circumstances exist; and

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs are eligible for funding from almost all of the major Federal-aid funding programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the New Jersey Department of Transportation implemented Complete Streets Policy Number 703 through, "the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities, enabling safe access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users of all ages and abilities including all projects funded through the Department’s Capital Program"; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has established incentives within the Local Aid Program for municipalities and counties to develop a Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users by designating and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options that:

- Improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, other citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged.

- Provide connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities.

- Create more livable communities.

- Reduce traffic congestion and reliance on carbon fuels thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
Make fiscal sense by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of the project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council that a Complete Streets Policy should be created and implemented in the Township of Denville through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities within the public rights of way that are federally or state funded, including projects processed or administered through the Township’s Capital Improvement Program.

I, DONNA I. COSTELLO, MUNICIPAL CLERK
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE, DO HEREBY
CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT
COPY OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
DENVILLE AT THEIR MEETING
HELD ON ____________ 11-23-10 _________.

11-24-10
CERTIFICATION DATED: DONNA I. COSTELLO, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK