

**TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD**



**RESOLUTION NO. 51-12**

**RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING  
A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood (the "Township") is committed to creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and for all trips; and

WHEREAS, the Township has committed to improve bicycle transportation by having prepared and accepted the Maplewood Bikeway Network Plan; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including children, persons with disabilities, bicyclists, motorists, seniors, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, and users of public transport; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation supports Complete Streets policies and adopted its own policy on December 3, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association and other transportation, planning and health officials, and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved in the Township by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the Township is committed to continuing its commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee supports this Complete Streets initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and for all trips.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that:

All public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of Maplewood shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets whenever feasible to do so, in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, other forms of alternate transportation, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety, and subject to the following conditions:

- a. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
- b. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes. The desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.
- c. In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, bicycle facilities and/or other alternate forms of transportation cause an increase in project costs in excess of 20%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would need to be funded with local tax dollars, then and in that event approval by Township Committee must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project.
- d. The detrimental environmental or social impacts shall not outweigh the need for these accommodations.
- e. The safety or timing of a project shall not be compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

I, Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk of the Township of Maplewood, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at a regular meeting of said Committee held on February 21, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Maplewood in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, on this 21st day of February 2012.

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**ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.**  
**Township Clerk**