

RESOLUTION #12-- - RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery recognizes the need to accommodate all modes of travel within the Township, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and mass transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery seeks to meet the transportation needs of all its citizens by providing integrated, connected multi-modal travel networks that are safer, healthier, more livable and welcoming to everyone, regardless of age and ability; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery defines complete streets as roadways designed and operated to enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transport users of all ages and abilities are able to safely and comfortably move along and across a complete street; and

WHEREAS, Complete streets may include sidewalks, pedestrian intersection treatments, bicycle facilities, and transit accommodations; and

WHEREAS, a complete streets policy is consistent with the Township of Montgomery's long standing efforts to provide an extensive pedestrian-bikeway corridor system throughout the Township as well as its Master Plan, specifically, the "Pedestrian-Bikeway Corridor Plan" within the Conservation Plan Element, and Montgomery Township Code 16-5.14c., which requires developers to construct onsite and offsite sidewalks, pathways and linkages; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery deems that the "Pedestrian-Bikeway Corridor Plan" as updated, from time to time, depicts a township wide plan for pedestrian and bikeway corridors both on-street and off-street; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery commits to incorporating the complete streets policy into the next Traffic Circulation Plan update of the Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery hereby establishes a complete streets policy, which directs Township staff to accommodate all modes of travel, including pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders, to the highest degree possible in any roadway improvement project, as follows:

1. The "Pedestrian-Bikeway Corridor Plan" as updated from time to time, shall be used as guidance for the construction of any sidewalks, pedestrian intersection treatments, bicycle facilities, and transit accommodations as part of any roadway improvement project.
2. Mass transit accommodations shall be provided as part of any roadway improvement project in areas served by existing bus lines.
3. Will apply to both new and retrofitted projects, including design, planning, construction and reconstruction for the entire right-of-way.
4. Exceptions to applying this complete streets policy to a specific roadway project will be granted upon consideration of excessive costs, or environmental impacts or impacts to historical sites due to the application of the complete streets policy.
5. Be flexible and recognize that all streets and different, and user needs must be balanced and fit into the context of the community.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection.

CERTIFICATION
I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A
TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONTGOMERY AT A MEETING HELD

October , 2012

Township Clerk