

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER  
COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

No. 278-5-2012

On Motion of Freeholder Liggio  
Seconded by Freeholder Dubin

ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A HUDSON COUNTY  
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods and public transit users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Complete Streets include improving safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged providing multi-modal connections to trip generators such as employers, schools, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities, promoting healthy lifestyles; creating more livable communities, reducing traffic congestion and reliance on carbon fuels thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and saving money by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders wishes to implement a Complete Streets policy through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and existing transportation facilities, to safely accommodate the access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users of all ages and abilities; motorized vehicles and their passengers or cargo with special priority given to public safety and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders that to the extent practicable, the Hudson County Complete Streets policy shall include all roads, bridges, parks, and building projects funded through Hudson County's Capital Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
County of Hudson

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Board consents to the establishment and adoption of the following as the "Hudson County Complete Streets Policy," and those goals and objectives contained therein:

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- A. Provide safe and accessible accommodations for existing and future pedestrian, bicycle and public transit facilities.
- B. Provide improvements as necessary for pedestrian, bicycle and public transit accommodations such as accessible sidewalk curb ramps, crosswalks, countdown pedestrian signals, signs, curb extensions, pedestrian scale lighting, bike lanes, or bicycle markings, and shoulders for consideration in each project where county jurisdiction applies.
- C. All County transportation projects shall be evaluated for Complete Streets inclusion with consideration of local support, environmental constraints, right-of-way availability, funding resources, and bicycle and/or pedestrian compatibility.
- D. Complete Streets policies shall support the goals of the Hudson County Master Plan.

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- E. Transportation facilities constructed for long term use shall anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.
- F. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities shall be designed and constructed to the best currently available guides, standards and practices from the New Jersey Department of Transportation & American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, American Disability Act and others as related.
- G. Provisions shall be made for pedestrians and bicyclists when closing roads, bridges or sidewalks for construction projects consistent with NJDOT policy.
- H. Improvements shall also consider connections for Safe Routes to Schools, Safe Routes to Transit, Transit Villages, Parks and areas or population groups with limited transportation options.
- I. Improvements shall be "complete" for all mobile participants; not severely affect the operations of a mode of transportation for the benefit of another; and complement the context of the surrounding community.
- J. All municipalities, private developers and other entities must obtain prior approval from the County Engineer of any complete streets related construction on its County roadways.
- K. Exemptions to the Complete Streets policy shall be presented for final decision to the County Engineer in writing and documented with supporting data that indicates the reason for the decision and are limited to the following:
  - 1). Pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities shall not be required where prohibited by law.
  - 2). Scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need for such accommodations. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes and its need will be determined on a project basis.
  - 3). Detrimental project scheduling, environmental or social impacts outweigh the positive effects of accommodations
  - 4). Cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project.
  - 5). An exemption other than those listed above must be documented with supporting data and must be approved by the County Engineer.

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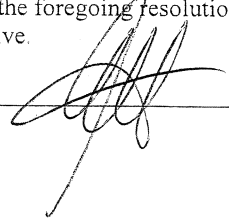
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3. The Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to all Hudson County Municipalities and New Jersey Department of Transportation.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.	Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.
Cifelli	✓				O'Dea	✓			
DiDomenico	✓				Rivas	✓			
Dublin	✓				Romano	✓			
Liggio	✓				Chairperson Rivera				✓
Munoz				✓					

SOURCE:  
Roads and Public  
Property  
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It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on the 24 day of May A.D. 2012, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 7 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DONATO J. BATTISTA**  
**HUDSON COUNTY COUNSEL**