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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT A "COMPLETE STREETS POLICY" FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough is committed to creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicle users and motorists, of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough desires to implement a Complete Streets policy through the planning, design, construction, operation of new and retrofitted transportation facilities within public rights-of-way, enabling safe access and mobility of all users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Streets policy states "A Complete Street is defined as means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options"; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Planning Board adopted the Township's Master Plan - Circulation Plan Element update on March 14, 2013, which promotes a comprehensive network of "Complete Streets" to provide better connectivity between the Town Center, Transit Ready Development District and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Complete Streets are many and varied, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, including pedestrian, bicycling and transit vehicle travel as an alternative to the automobile, reduce negative environmental impacts, provide connections to walking and bicycling trip generators such as employment, education, residential, retail centers and public facilities, promote healthy living, create more livable communities, saving money by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for walking, biking and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough that all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of Hillsborough shall be designed and constructed as "Complete Streets" whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, other alternate forms of transportation, transit, and motorized vehicle and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities shall be designed and conform with the best currently available standards, practices and should complement the context of the surrounding community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that requests for exemptions from the Complete Streets policy shall be presented in writing to the Township Committee, after review by the applicable municipal departments and professionals, and shall be documented with supporting data that indicates the reasons for exemption, which are limited to the following:

- a. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and other alternate forms of transportation 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 and the desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.
- c. There is scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future that would warrant these accommodations.
- d. Detrimental environmental impacts would outweigh the need for these accommodations.
- e. 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 10%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would have to be funded with local tax dollars, in that event approval by Township Committee must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project.

Repaving of existing streets will only require a request for exemption when it does not comply with the applicable Township approved plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that municipal departments and professionals should review and either revise or develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, development regulations, laws, procedures, and rules including subsequent updates to the Township of Hillsborough Master Plan, to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough hereby adopt this "Complete Streets" policy as outlined in the resolution.

I, Pamela Borek, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough at a regular and duly convened meeting held on April 22, 2014.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Hillsborough this 23rd day of April.
