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A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Resolution #14R-170 WHEREAS, the Township of Ewing is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable and safe means of transportation by creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Street's Policy defines a Complete Street as 'a 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 benefits of Complete Streets are varied and numerous, including:

- the safety of our bicyclist and pedestrian citizens through the incorporation of sidewalks, bike lanes, clearly demarcated crossings and transit;
- the reduction of traffic congestion and reliance on carbon fuels, thereby reducing our greenhouse gas emissions; and
- the promotion of active, healthy lifestyles; and
- the provision of connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities that assist in promoting local economy and fostering community

WHEREAS, a complete street policy requires that future roadway improvement projects include a consideration of clearly demarcated and safe accommodations for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders and the mobility-impaired; and

WHEREAS, this policy is implemented through the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of new and retro-fitted public rights of way where they are administered by the Township; and

WHEREAS, this policy is implemented through the Township's advocacy for planning, design, construction, and maintenance of new and retro-fitted public rights of way where they are administered by the State and County; and

WHEREAS, this policy is implemented through the coordination between land use and site design with the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Township will not take jurisdiction of a roadway created by subdivision, general development, redevelopment or the like if they are not constructed in accordance with this policy and future design standards created to implement this policy forthwith; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ewing supports this 'complete streets' initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment by creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network within the community that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and disabilities, where feasible;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance), undertaken by the Township of Ewing shall be designed and constructed as 'complete streets' in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, of all ages and abilities, whenever feasible, as based upon the needs of the community, its citizens, and the context of the project within the community; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, municipal planning, decision making and design coordination, either solely or with other municipal and regional authorities, shall examine. Advocate for and implement the inclusion of 'complete streets' and give priority to bicyclist and pedestrian safety, subject to certain conditions:


1. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where prohibited by law;
2. The desirability of transit facilities shall be determined on a project specific basis;
3. Detrimental environmental or social impacts shall outweigh the need for these accommodations.
4. Where the cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project (more than twenty percent (20%) of total cost) an exemption may be considered.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Certification:

I, Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Ewing, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Ewing at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Ewing, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey held on the 23rd day of September, 2014.





Kim J. Macellaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk