

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
RESOLUTION 15-102  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Transportation adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2009, and is implementing it through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities within public rights of way that are federally or state funded, and encourages counties and municipalities to adopt and implement Complete Streets policies, including offering financial incentives; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities and counties in New Jersey, including several Somerset County municipalities, have established Complete Streets Policies; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are defined in the State's policy as a means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of connected transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Complete Streets include improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged, as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car-free; and

WHEREAS, towns that have Complete Streets enjoy benefits such as increased private investment, higher property values and increased traffic to local businesses; in addition, passing a Complete Streets Policy will allow Bound Brook to earn points towards Sustainable Jersey Certification, and would provide a competitive advantage when applying for state funding; and

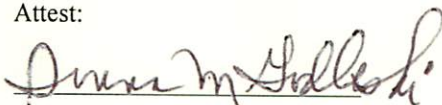
WHEREAS, the Bound Brook Borough Council seeks to meet the transportation and mobility needs of all its citizens, regardless of age and ability, and has already articulated support of many of the elements of Complete Streets in adopted plans including the *Downtown Urban Design Plan*, 2014 Business/Residential Zone Ordinance, and redevelopment plans; and

WHEREAS, Bound Brook is a designated Transit Village, and proposed enhancements to the Bound Brook rail station aim to provide an enhanced platform experience for users; and the availability of Somerset County's SCOOT, CAT and DASH buses provide a viable option as a stand-alone mode of transportation or as an add-on to other modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Bound Brook has already taken significant steps towards making the community a destination for shoppers, diners, commuters and residents, and has a very robust walking and cycling community who take advantage of the nearby D & R Canal in South Bound Brook, the RiverFest Street Fair and the Criterium bicycle races, as well as the town's historic Brook Theater;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Bound Brook that the Borough hereby establishes a Complete Streets policy, which directs Borough staff and professionals to accommodate all modes of travel, including pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders, to the highest degree possible in any roadway improvement, development or retrofit project.

Attest:



Donna Marie Godleski, Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Robert P. Fazen

Date of Adoption: June 23, 2015