

RESOLUTION 15-0908-316

ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A "COMPLETE STREETS POLICY" FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, Mayor Gallagher created a Complete Street Committee on January 1, 2015 to begin the process of establishing a policy to be utilized for creating street corridors that safely accommodates all road users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicle users and motorists of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Jane Kobuta, Councilman Ken Utter and Administrator Kevin Sluka attended the State of New Jersey workshop to gather an understanding of the process and the operations of creating a "Complete Streets" Policy; and

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

WHEREAS, the benefits of a "Complete Streets" policy provides the municipal; agencies a guideline to both the public sector and private section development projects; and

WHEREAS, additional benefits of a "Complete Streets" policy 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 automobile, reduce negative environmental impacts, provide connections to walking and bicycle routes, promote healthy living improve local retain and create more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville in conjunction with the Planning Board shall review both new construction and reconstruction initiatives that are to be undertaken with "Complete Streets" Policy mindset and whenever feasible to so, safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists and alternative forms of transportation, transit and motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, when possible bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities shall be designed and conform with the best current available standards, practices and should complement the context of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, municipal departments and professionals should review and revise and recommend development regulations, laws, procedures and rules including

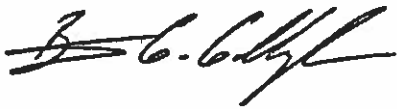
updating the Somerville Master Plan to integrate, accommodate and balance the need of all users in all projects: and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Committee shall be fully formalized and began the process of steering the professionals, boards, professionals and elected officials to establish a comprehensive "Complete Streets" Policy:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approves the establishment of a "Complete Street" Policy and adoption of the Policy.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Complete Streets Committee initiate the process of educating and informing and formalizing the "Complete Streets" Policy

Adopted by Borough Council on September 8, 2015



Mayor



Borough Clerk

I, Kevin Sluka, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on September 8, 2015.



Kevin Sluka, Clerk/Administrator