

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BAY HEAD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, walking and bicycle riding are popular recreational activities in Bay Head and the town’s flat terrain, compact size, and natural and historical surroundings are ideally suited for walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bay Head recently developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Local Technical Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bay Head Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is guided by the following vision statement: ““Bay Head is a community where walking and bicycling is safe, convenient and enjoyable for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The Borough’s transportation network connects people to places, supports the local economy, enhances the wellness of its residents, benefits the environment, and preserves its identity as a quiet and charming, seaside town.”; 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, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council supports this “complete streets” initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and disabilities and for all trips;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bay Head as follows:

1. All public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Borough of Bay Head shall be designed and constructed as “complete streets” whenever feasible to do so as determined by the Borough of Bay Head Mayor and Council in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to bicyclist and pedestrian safety, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities 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.
2. The Clerk of the Borough shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the governing bodies of surrounding municipalities, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Ocean County Departments of Planning, Transportation Services and Engineering.

CERTIFICATION

I, PATRICIA M. APPEGATE, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bay Head at a meeting held on the 4th day of January, **2016**.

PATRICIA M. APPEGATE, RMC
Borough Clerk, Borough of Bay Head