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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ESTABLISH A  
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO**

WHEREAS, Complete Streets describe a comprehensive, integrated, connected and multi-modal transportation network with infrastructure and design that allow safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicle users, emergency responders, motorists, and people of all ages and abilities ; and,

WHEREAS, complete streets have the potential for improving physical and mental health either directly or indirectly in the following ways:

1. Incorporating physical activity into our daily lives by increasing pedestrian activity and bicycle use.
2. Reducing rates of several chronic diseases related to increases in physical activity from walking and bicycling. Key impacted diseases include diabetes, heart diseases, depression and some cancers.
3. Reducing rates of injury and death from decreased traffic issues due to improved air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration.
4. Reducing rates of asthma and other respiratory issues due to improved air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration.
5. Multiplying health and wellness benefits resulting from improved access to necessary amenities for vulnerable populations.
6. Reducing the risk of illnesses related to water-borne pathogens resulting from improved stormwater infiltration.
7. Increasing the sense of social connectivity and sense of community belonging.
8. Improving aesthetics through decorative and functional vegetation.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro is committed to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected, multi-modal transportation network that accommodates all users of the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, reduce vehicle speeding, limit greenhouse gases, improve air quality and enhance the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gibbsboro recognizes the need for flexibility and that all streets are different, and user needs must be balanced and fit the context of the community; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by incorporating pedestrian safety when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a Complete Streets policy supports the goals and visions of the Borough of Gibbsboro Master Plan; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gibbsboro affirms that the Complete Streets policies, which address the needs of all users of all abilities and all trips, shall be considered in all planning, design, approval, and implementation processes, where feasible and not exempted, for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network, including pavement resurfacing, restriping, and signalization operations if the safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all initial planning and design studies of complete street infrastructure projects shall consider opportunities to improve public health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the development, amendment, and/or adoption of any future plan, ordinance, law, procedures, rule or regulation, the Borough, including its departments, division, boards, and/or affiliated agencies, will consider integration and/or reference to the Complete Streets Policy as to provide for internal consistency amongst those policies and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough shall establish a Complete Streets Team comprised of representatives from the Gibbsboro Planning Board, Gibbsboro Environmental Commission/Green Team, the Gibbsboro Police, and Borough Staff for the purpose of assessing applicable projects utilizing the NJDOT Complete Streets Checklist and provide recommendations on the integration of pedestrian and bicycle facilities to the Borough Council, where feasible and not exempted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that roadways, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities, shall be designed and constructed, where feasible and not exempted, to the best currently available standards and practices including the New Jersey Roadway Design Manual, the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, AASHTO's Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and others, as deemed applicable by the respective jurisdictional agency and/or its professional consultants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the feasibility and exemptions are determined at the sole discretion of the Complete Streets Team and are contingent upon the presence of specific safety concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough shall annually assess the impact of the Complete Streets Policy using performance standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Complete Streets facilities shall be established in applicable projects unless one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Law from using the roadway prohibits non-motorized users.
2. The cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to the cost of the project, as defined at more than twenty percent (20%) of the total cost.
3. Scarcity of population, travel and visitors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of the need for such accommodations.
4. Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations.
5. The safety or timing OR FUNDING of the project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council, that the Borough of Gibbsboro hereby adopts the Complete Streets Policy as outlined in this resolution.



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Edward G. Campbell, III  
Mayor



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Anne D. Levy, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Adopted: May 11, 2016