

**RESOLUTION**

**TOWNSHIP SUPPORT OF COMPLETE STREETS WHENEVER IT IS REASONABLE AND FEASIBLE TO DO SO AS PROJECTS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP, INCLUDING BOTH NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO SAFELY ACCOMMODATE TRAVEL BY PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, OTHER FORMS OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND THEIR PASSENGERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bridgewater (the “Township”) is supportive of creating “Complete Streets” corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and for all trips; and

**WHEREAS**, “Complete Streets” are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including children, persons with disabilities, bicyclists, motorists, seniors, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, and users of public transport; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation supports Complete Streets by first adopting its own policy in 2009 and releasing its Complete Streets Design Guide in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, and other transportation, planning and health officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is committed to incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets undergo major reconstruction, including the inclusion of on-street dedicated bike lanes, where deemed feasible and practical; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township 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 for all trips.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that:

Whenever it is reasonable and feasible to do so, public street projects undertaken by the Township, including both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance), shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, other forms of alternative transportation, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers and shall be 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 transit routes. The desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.

- c) In the event that the cost of pedestrian, public transit, bicycle facilities and/or other alternate forms of transportation causes an increase in the costs of a public street project that would need to be funded with local tax dollars, approval from the Township Council must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project.
- d) The safety or timing of a project shall not be compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

| Introduced | Seconded | Council  | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| ✓          |          | Moench   | ✓   |     |         |        |
|            | ✓        | Norgalis | ✓   |     |         |        |
|            |          | Pedroso  | ✓   |     |         |        |
|            |          | Rose     | ✓   |     |         |        |
|            |          | Kurdyla  | ✓   |     |         |        |

Adopted: October 2, 2017