

RESOLUTION # 284-14

CITY OF LONG BRANCH

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Long Branch is committed to creating street corridors that can safely and adequately accommodate all users; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Streets policy states "a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected, multi-modal network of transportation options"; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation supports Complete Streets policies and adopted its own policy on December 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports Complete Streets policies and adopted its own policy on July 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Branch has already prepared circulation and non-vehicular mobility plans within its planning documents and incorporates safety measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Long Branch desires to further these efforts by implementing a Complete Streets policy to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities for all trips that are compatible with State, County and Local agency design guidelines and complete streets policies;

WHEREAS, the City of Long Branch has prepared a "Complete Streets Policy Guide" to be used in conjunction with the Complete Street policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) of all public roads or bridges, or other portions of the transportation network, undertaken by the City of Long Branch, or new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities that are intended to be dedicated to the City of Long Branch, shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety. This will be in accordance with the best currently available standards and practices including the New Jersey Roadway Design Manual, AASHTO guidelines, NJDOT and NJ Transit standards, the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control, and others as related; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that requests for exemptions from the Complete Streets policy shall be presented in writing to the City Council, after review by the City Engineer, and shall be documented with supporting data that indicates the reasons for the exemption, for the following:

1. Where pedestrian and bicycle facilities and accommodations are prohibited by law;
2. Where public transit facilities do not serve as transit routes;
3. If the detrimental environmental impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations;
4. If the cost of accommodations causes an increase in project costs in excess of 20%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would need to be funded with local tax dollars, then and in that event City Council approval must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project;
5. If the safety or timing of a project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Long Branch, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby approve and authorize the adoption of a Complete Street policy and corresponding guidelines.

Certification Date: 12-10-14

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ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Signed: _____

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
CITY OF LONG BRANCH
I, KATHY L. SCHMELZ, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE CITY OF
LONG BRANCH, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
TO BE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT COPY OF
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 12-9-14
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET
MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BRANCH, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY THIS 10th DAY OF Dec 2014
Kathy L. Schmeltz
MUNICIPAL CLERK, R.M.C.