

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY**

WHEREAS, a "complete street" is a street that is designed for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, 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 benefits of complete streets include improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, drivers, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free; providing connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities; promoting healthy lifestyles; creating more livable communities and economic development opportunities; reducing traffic congestion and reliance on carbon fuels thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and, saving money by incorporating sidewalks, on-street bike facilities, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lakewood recognizes that all streets are different and is committed to creating context-sensitive street corridors that balance user needs and accommodate all road users of all ages and abilities for all trips; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that accommodates all road users or all abilities and for all trips by formulating a "Complete Streets" policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that all public streets projects, including new construction, reconstruction, retrofitting, extensive maintenance and operations, in the Township of Lakewood, shall be designed and constructed as complete streets. This policy shall be implemented as follows:

1. All Township streets shall be designed and constructed to include accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit and motorists. Complete streets shall accommodate users of all ages and abilities.
2. Recognizing the inter-connected multi-modal network of the street grid, the Township of Lakewood will work with Ocean County, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and other related agencies to ensure complete streets principles are incorporated in a context-sensitive manner.

3. While complete streets principles are context-sensitive, complete streets features will be considered from the earliest stages of project delivery and throughout project life cycle, including project development and scoping, roadway design standards, capital programming procedures, and operation and maintenance practices. Departments shall reference the New Jersey Roadway Design Manual; the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide; the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities; AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities; the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and other design criteria as necessary, striving to balance all needs, when repaving, retrofitting, or reconstructing streets.

4. The Lakewood Township Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, along with their respective planning and engineering professionals, shall incorporate this complete streets policy into its reviews of major site plans and redevelopment projects; all initial planning and design studies, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding approval by the Township of Lakewood should: 1) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and 2) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.

5. The Township of Lakewood shall incorporate the goals and objectives of the Complete Streets Policy into the next reexamination, update, revision, amendment or adoption of the Lakewood Township Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood hereby consents that all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction, in the Township of Lakewood shall be designed and constructed as complete streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain on file in the Township Clerk's office.

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Del Mastro, Township Clerk of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of said Township at its meeting held on October 17, 2013.



MARY ANN DEL MASTRO, RMC
Township Clerk