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Public Meeting (Board Meeting)
Date: Feb 11, 2014 - 5:30 PM
Location: County Administration
401 Grand Street
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Agenda: RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
TO DESIGNATE AND OPERATE A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED, CONNECTED MULTI-MODAL
NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, ALL AS NOTED IN THE RESOLUTION

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

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Dated: February 14, 2014
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
TO DESIGNATE AND OPERATE A COMPREHENSIVE,
INTEGRATED, CONNECTED MULTI-MODAL NETWORK
OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

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, 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 public transportation, employment, education,
residential, recreation, retail centers, tourist attractions, and
public facilities, promoting healthy lifestyles; creating more livable
communities, reducing traffic congestion and reliance on carbon
fuels thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and saving
money by incorporating sidewalks, on-street bike facilities, and
safe crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders
wishes to establish a Complete Streets Policy through the
planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new
and retrofitted transportation facilities, enabling safe access and
mobility; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Element of the Passaic
County Master Plan identifies priority actions and improvement
areas along with Complete Streets Guidelines that act as an action
plan to propose Complete Streets alternatives that match the
context of the surrounding land use in adherence to the Policy;

WHEREAS, the Freeholder Committee for Planning and
Economic Development, at its meeting of February 4, 2014,
reviewed this matter and is recommending to the full Board for
adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic
County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby adopts a Complete
Streets Policy to designate and operate a comprehensive integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options, with the following goals and objectives:

1. Create a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal transportation network by facilitating connection to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreational and public facilities, as well as retail and transit centers;

2. Provide safe and accessible accommodations for existing and future pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities;

3. Establish a Complete Streets checklist to document preferred outcomes and ensure that adequate consideration of bicycle, pedestrian and transit needs are incorporated into the planning, concept development, preliminary and final engineering, construction, and maintenance of projects where County jurisdiction applies. This checklist shall also be applied to site plan review and resurfacing projects. The Planning Department Project Manager is responsible for completing the checklist with all supporting documentation and must work with the Project Designer to ensure that the checklist has been completed and all comments addressed prior to advancement of a project to Final Design. The Checklist shall be applied to all new publicly funded transportation and land use projects with the exception of:
   - Sidewalk repairs
   - Bicycle facility roadway markings, striping or signage
   - Installation of bike racks or street signs
   - Installation of ADA curb ramps;

4. Additionally, checklist items shall take into consideration scenic and historic assets that may be impacted by any project as well as any possible “Green Streets” applications that can mitigate the impacts of flooding throughout the County;
5. Transportation facilities constructed for long-term use shall anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking and public transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements;

6. Designs shall address the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross corridors and waterways, as well as travel along them, in a safe, accessible and convenient manner; therefore, the design of intersections, interchanges and bridges shall anticipate use by bicyclists and pedestrians;

7. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities shall be designed and constructed to the most reasonable extents possible to adhere to the Passaic County Complete Streets Guidelines in conjunction with 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 related;

8. The provision of all improvements on County roadways will be compatible with the Transportation Element of the Passaic County Master Plan, October 2012;

9. Provisions shall be made to the most reasonable extent possible for pedestrians and bicyclists when closing roads, bridges or sidewalks for construction projects as outlined in NJDOT Policy #705 – Accommodating Pedestrian and Bicycle Traffic During Construction;

10. Improvements shall also consider connections for Safe Routes to Schools, Safe Routes to Transit, Transit Villages, trail crossings and areas or populations groups with limited transportation options;

11. Improvements shall comply with Title VII Environmental Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and complement the context of the surrounding community; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Departments and Agencies having a responsibility for or in connection with projects covered by the Passaic County Complete Streets Policy.

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This resolution was requested by:

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Reviewed by:

ANTHONY J. DE NOVA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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