

## **RESOLUTION 2014:193**

### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, "complete streets" are streets 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; 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 Borough of Haddon Heights 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.

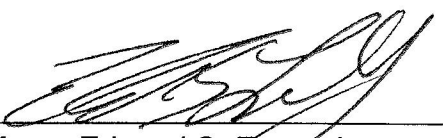
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Haddon Heights hereby adopts a "Complete Streets" Policy that acknowledges and implements the concept that streets should be designed, built and retrofitted for all users: motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and people with disabilities. The Borough recognizes that this policy must be flexible and that all streets are different and user needs must be balanced and fit into the local context. This policy shall be implemented as follows:

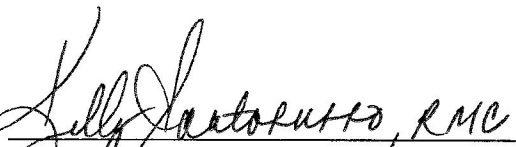
1. All Borough streets should be designed and constructed to include accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit and motorists. Complete streets shall accommodate users of all ages and abilities.
2. The Borough of Haddon Heights will work with Camden County, the New Jersey Department of 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 should 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.

4. The Borough of Haddon Heights should approach every transportation project (including new and retrofitted projects) as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users.
5. The Borough of Haddon Heights Planning Board should incorporate this complete streets policy into its reviews of major site plans and redevelopment projects.
6. The Borough of Haddon Heights should consider incorporating the goals and objectives of the Complete Streets Policy into the next re-examination, update, revision, amendment or adoption of the Borough of Haddon Heights Master Plan.
7. Exceptions may be made to this policy under any one of the following conditions:
  - a. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are not required where they are prohibited by law.
  - b. When the cost of incorporating a new bicycle, pedestrian, and/or public transit facilities is excessive, defined as greater than 20% of the overall project cost, the need for and/or probable use of the facility shall be considered in making the determination as to whether or not an exception should be approved at this time or held for future consideration.
  - c. Other conditions, as circumstances dictate.

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

Date: October 21, 2014

  
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Mayor Edward S. Forte, Jr.

ATTEST:   
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Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Clerk of the Borough of Haddon Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a public meeting of the Borough Council on October 21, 2014.

  
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Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Borough Clerk