

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
RESOLUTION NO. R- 105 -2012

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR
THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

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 bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers 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, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Morristown wish to implement a Complete Streets policy through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities, enabling safe access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Morristown adopts the Morristown Complete Streets Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning and Engineering Divisions within the Departments of Public Works should make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users, and should work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Redevelopment Entity, along with their respective planning and engineering professionals, shall incorporate this Complete Streets policy into its reviews of major site plan and redevelopment projects; that all initial planning and design studies, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding or approval by the Town of Morristown 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an advisory committee is hereby created, and may be composed of appropriate local, county, state administrative officials and members of the public appointed by the Mayor to recommend a Priority Action Plan of short and long-term steps, planning, and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; to assess

potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets in the Town of Morristown; and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals, including the Morristown Master Plan, to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee shall work to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Complete Streets Policy into the Morristown Master Plan – the Unified Land Use and Mobility Plan for the Town of Morristown, which is proposed to integrate local land-use development goals and regulations with transportation policies and investment strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee should report on the matters within its purview to the Town Council within one year, and annually, following the date of adoption of this Resolution.

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

MATTHEW K. STECHAUNER,
TOWN CLERK

MICHELLE DUPREE HARRIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Morristown at the Regular meeting of the Town Council held on July _____, 2012 in the Morristown Council Room, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, beginning at _____ P.M., prevailing time.

DATED: July _____, 2012

Matthew Stechauner, Town Clerk