RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving, and which improves bicyclist and pedestrian safety, by creating street corridors that safety accommodate all road users of all abilities and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Streets policy states "A Complete Street is defined as 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 policy and adopts its own policy on December 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association and other transportation, planning and health officials; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved in the Township by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the Township is committed to continuing its commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy will be a required addition to any future updates or revisions to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council supports this Complete Streets initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and for all trips.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that it does hereby establish that all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of Mount Olive shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets whenever feasible to do so, in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, other forms of alternate transportation, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
- 2. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes. The desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.

- 3. In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, bicycle facilities and/or other alternate forms of transportation cause 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 approval by Township Council must be obtained same prior to bidding of the project.
- 4. The detrimental environmental or social impacts shall not outweigh the need for these accommodations.
- 5. The safety or timing of a project shall not be compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on October 2, 2012.

Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk

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