## BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON RESOLUTION 2014 – 6.10

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR PENNINGTON BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system to the extent feasible, by creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all ages, abilities and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation 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, as part of this policy, the New Jersey Department of Transportation strongly encourages the adoption of similar policies by regional and local jurisdictions who apply for funding through Local Aid programs; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of complete streets include: improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged as 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, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the Pennington Borough Council supports to the extent practicable, the application of a Pennington Borough "Complete Streets" policy that will apply to all road, bridge, and building projects undertaken by East Windsor; and

WHEREAS, the Pennington Borough Council hereby supports a "Complete Streets" initiative and urges its continuation throughout Mercer County in an attempt to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network and safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and disabilities and for all trips;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Pennington Borough, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it hereby supports a "Complete Streets" policy for all public street projects, wherever possible and practicable, that are undertaken by the Borough of Pennington, the County of Mercer and the municipalities within the County of Mercer in order to ultimately achieve a network of roadways that may safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County of Mercer, the municipalities within Mercer County and the NJ Department of Transportation.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Davy	S				Lawver	X			
Gnatt	X				Marciante	X			
Griffiths	X				Tucker	M			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on <u>June 2,2014</u>.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk