BOROUGH OF RARITAN RESOLUTION 2011-09-125

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multimodal network of transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, desires to implement a Complete Streets policy through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities within public rights-of-way, enabling safe access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has prepared a Complete Streets Policy document to guide the implementation of the Complete Streets policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) of all public roads or bridges, or other portions of the transportation network, undertaken by the Borough of Raritan; or new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities that are intended to be dedicated to the Borough of Raritan, shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that requests for exemptions from the Complete Streets policy shall be presented in writing to the Borough Council, after review by the Borough Engineer, and shall be documented with supporting data that indicates the reasons for the exemption, which are limited to the following:

- 1. Pedestrians and bicycles are prohibited on the roadway by law.
- 2. There is scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future that would warrant these accommodations.
- 3. Detrimental environmental impacts would outweigh the need for these accommodations.
- 4. The cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to the cost of project, more than twenty percent (20%) of total cost.

5. The safety or timing of a project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets policy.

Jo Ann Liptak, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on September 27, 2011.

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

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