

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
RECOGNIZING THE ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE STREETS
POLICY

JULY 24, 2012

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Toms River recognizes the need to accommodate all modes of travel on Township streets, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and mass transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Toms River seeks to meet the transportation needs of all its citizens by providing road networks that are safer, more livable and welcoming to everyone, regardless of age and ability; and

WHEREAS, complete streets are typically designed to include wider sidewalks, pedestrian intersection treatments, bicycle facilities, and transit accommodations; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets Policy is consistent with the Township Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Complete Streets Policy does not include street lights and street beautification items such as street furniture, planters, and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Planner may waive the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy for projects where the cost to provide said improvements are disproportionate to need, and represent more than twenty percent (20%) of total cost; and

WHEREAS, total project costs shall be defined as the cost of the street improvements without the Complete Streets improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council proposes that the Environmental Commission in partnership with the Planning Board undertake a pedestrian and bicycle plan study to identify priority areas for implementation of Complete Streets, and the Township Planning Board hear and adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, Township funds may only be utilized for complete street implementation as the required match for state and federal funding until the Planning Board adopts a Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan subsection of the Master Plan Circulation Element;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. All public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of Toms River 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 subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
 - b. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes.
 - c. In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, and/or bicycle facilities account for more than 20% of total project costs, as determined by engineering estimates, then, and in that event, the Complete Streets Policy may be waived.
 - d. Township funds may only be utilized for priority sites identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle subsection of the Circulation Element of the Master Plan, when no state or federal match is available.

e. In any project funded only with Township funds, should the cost of pedestrian, public, transit, and/or bicycle facilities account for more than 15% of total project cost, as determined by engineering estimates, then, and in that event, the Township Engineer or Township Planner may waive the Complete Streets Policy or obtain approval by the Township Council for same prior to bidding the project.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a) Mayor Thomas Kelaheer
 - b) Township Council
 - c) Business Administrator
 - d) Township Attorney
 - e) Chief Financial Officer
 - f) Jay Lynch, Township Planner
 - g) Erika Stahl, Assistant Township Planner
 - h) Robert J. Chankalian, Township Engineer
 - i) Lorraine Adams, Grant Coordinator
 - j) Debbie Kingsland
- New Jersey Department of Transportation
1035 Parkway Ave.
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, N.J. 08625

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Approved as to
Legal Form
Kenneth B. Fitzsimmons
Kenneth B. Fitzsimmons
Township Attorney



I, ALISON CARLISLE, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 24, 2012.

Alison Carlisle
Alison Carlisle, Deputy Municipal Clerk