

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH
R-2013-148**

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, seniors, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians and users of public transit; and

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

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation supports complete streets policies and adopted its own policy on December 3, 2009; and

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies support the goals of the Woolwich Township Master Plan and the Circulation Plan contained within its Transfer of Development Rights Plan; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

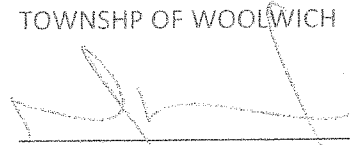
WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limit greenhouse gases, improve air quality, and enhance the general quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich that all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of Woolwich 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 their 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 or in areas where the speed or movement of traffic would be dangerous to pedestrians and/or bicyclists.
- b. Public Transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes and the desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.
- c. In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, and/or bicycle facilities cause an increase in project cost in excess of 15%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would have to be funded with local tax dollars, then and in that event approval by the Township Committee must be obtained for same prior to project bidding.
- d. Significant adverse environmental impacts outweigh the positive effects on the infrastructure.


Adopted this 20th day of May, 2013

TOWNSHP OF WOOLWICH



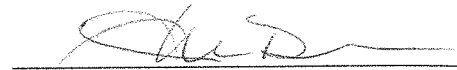
Samuel Maccarone Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Jane DiBella, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich on the 20th day of May, 2013.


Jane DiBella, Clerk