RESOLUTION R2014-086

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY

WHEREAS, East Windsor Township 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 East Windsor Township Council supports to the extent practicable, the application of an East Windsor Township "Complete Streets" policy that will apply to all road, bridge, and building projects undertaken by East Windsor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. All public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of East Windsor shall be designed and constructed as "Complete Streets" whenever feasible to do so, and subject to municipal considerations including, scarcity of population and travel, outweighed by detrimental environmental or social impacts, disproportionate costs generated, and project timing, in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit and motorized vehicles and their passengers with special priority given to pedestrian safety.

2. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and other alternate forms of transportation shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.

3. 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.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on May 6, 2014.

James P. Brady
Acting Municipal Clerk