

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

RESOLUTION 2014 - 61

**Resolution Setting Forth the Township of Franklin in the
County of Hunterdon's Commitment to Complete Streets**

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, horses and riders, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and horseback riding use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people;

WHEREAS, sedentary lifestyles and limited opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities are factors contributing to increased obesity among adults and children and numerous correlated adverse consequences, such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, certain cancers, asthma, low self-esteem, reduced academic performance, depression, and other debilitating diseases;

WHEREAS, Complete Streets advance the objectives of the federal Task Force on Childhood Obesity, which seeks to reduce the childhood obesity rate to 5% by 2030 by increasing physical activity through the "built environment" and other approaches;

WHEREAS, bicycling often provides a feasible alternative to driving and the Township of Franklin wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and horseback riding use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people;

WHEREAS, numerous states, counties, cities, and agencies have adopted Complete Streets policies and legislation in order to further the health, safety, welfare, economic vitality, and environmental well-being of their communities;¹

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin wishes to build upon its existing policies that recognize the importance of addressing the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and horseback riders, such as Speed limits (Chapter 95), limited parking to provide better access for pedestrians and bikers (Chapter 125) and Horse Crossing Zones (Chapter 125); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey wishes to encourage public participation in community decisions concerning street design and use to ensure that such decisions: (a) result in streets that meet the needs of all users, and (b) are responsive to needs of individuals and groups that traditionally are not incorporated in public infrastructure design;

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin therefore, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, wishes to initiate a Complete Streets program and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable, and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, horseback riders, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Department of Public Works and Land Use Board* should make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users, and should work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *the TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN* should evaluate how well the streets and transportation network of the Township of Franklin are serving each category of users.

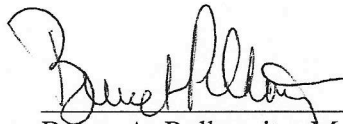
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee is hereby created, to be composed of the Franklin Township Environmental Commission and appointed by the Mayor, to recommend short-term and long-term steps, planning, and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; to assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets in the Township of Franklin;

and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals, including the Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan, to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee should report on the matters within its purview to the Township Committee within one year following the date of adoption of this Resolution, and upon receipt of this report the Township Committee will hold a hearing to determine further implementation steps.

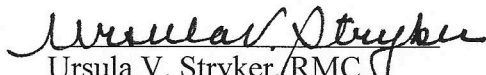
ⁱ See, e.g., Illinois Hwy Code § 4-220 (Public Act 095-0665, 2007); Hennepin County, Minn., Board of Commissioners Action Request 09-0058; Seattle, Wash., Ord. No. 122386 (2007); Columbia, S. Caro., Resolution No. 2006-021 (2006); Scottsdale, Ariz., Transportation Master Plan (2008). For a complete list, see www.completestreets.org/complete-streets-fundamentals/complete-streets-atlas/.

Adopted: 8/28/14

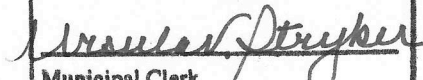


Bruce A. Polkowitz, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest:


Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

I do hereby certify the above is a true
and exact copy of a Resolution
adopted by the Township Committee
of the Township of Franklin.


Municipal Clerk

