

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #13-30

**TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
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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 transport; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving, and which improves bicyclist and pedestrian safety, by creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved in the Township of Raritan by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when township streets are improved; and,

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies supports the goals of the Township of Raritan's 2008 Master Plan; and, 2012 Raritan Township Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Study, 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 township roads and facilities should anticipate existing and future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of existing and future improvements; and,

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WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of the township 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 in Raritan Township and the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Raritan that all township street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (replace the entire pavement section) undertaken by the Township 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 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 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 costs in excess of 15% as determined by engineering estimates, or the cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term;
- d. Significant adverse environmental impacts outweigh the positive effects of the infrastructure.
- e. Character of the road shall be considered in the implementation of Township policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The implementation of this resolution does not supersede the ordinances or polices related to bicyclists and pedestrians including sidewalks in place at the adoption of this policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning, Engineering and Public Works Departments 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 advisory committee shall work to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Complete Streets Policy into the Raritan Township Master Plan which is proposed to integrate the local land use development goals and regulations with the transportation policies and investment strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one or more of the following implementation tools may be used in support of this Complete Streets policy:

- a. Coordination between departments and provision of training to municipal employees, including public works, maintenance, planning and engineering.
- b. Establishment of a checklist for project review
- c. Institution of performance measures and data collection to evaluate on how well the streets are serving all users.
- d. Address the specific needs of bicyclists and pedestrians on local roadways.
- e. Direct the use of the latest and best design and engineering standards, including paving shoulders and/or narrowing travel lanes to provide striped shoulders on roads for bicycle, pedestrian, farm equipment and emergency use. Avoiding placement of rumble strips that could interfere with the safe operation of bicycles.
- f. Anticipate future bicycle, pedestrian and transit demand, even on bridges and in and around train stations.
- g. Identification of capital improvements that expand the opportunities for safe roadway use by all users.

ATTEST:



Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN



Michael Mangin
Mayor

I, Rose Sollena, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on February 5, 2013.



Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk