

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF MOUNT HOLLY TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 –161

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT HOLLY SUPPORTING COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, complete streets mean roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle;

WHEREAS, a complete streets policy means a document that provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways or an interconnected network of transportation facilities being constructed or reconstructed and designated for a transportation purpose that promotes complete streets and meets all of the following requirements:

- i. Is sensitive to the needs of the Township of Mt Holly.
- ii. Considers the functional class of the roadway and project costs and allows for appropriate exemptions.
- iii. Considers the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway, of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers improved health benefits for the population and makes Mount Holly Township a more livable community by:

- i. Incorporating physical activity into our daily lives by increasing pedestrian activity and bicycle use.
- ii. Reducing rates of several chronic diseases related to increases in physical activity from walking and bicycling. Key impacted diseases include diabetes, heart disease, depression, and some cancers.
- iii. Reducing rates of injury and death from decreased traffic crashes and improved road safety for all users.
- iv. Reducing rates of asthma and other respiratory issues due to improved air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration.
- v. Multiplying health and wellness benefits resulting from improved access to necessary amenities for vulnerable populations.
- vi. Reducing the risk of illnesses related to water-borne pathogens resulting from improved stormwater infiltration.
- vii. Increasing the sense of social connectivity & sense of community belonging.
- viii. Improving aesthetics through decorative and functional vegetation.”

WHEREAS, complete streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities:

WHEREAS, complete streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Holly recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Mount Holly that:

- 1) To the extent feasible, Mount Holly Township will incorporate complete streets design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation; and
- 2) The Township of Mount Holly supports the continued development of Mount Holly's master plan, parks and recreation plan, and capital improvements plan and program that support ease of use, safety, and accessibility for all users within the Township of Mount Holly; and
- 3) All initial planning and design studies of complete street infrastructure projects shall consider opportunities to improve public health.

On a motion by Mr. Thiessen, seconded by Ms. Sykes, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Sykes, Thiessen and DiFolco

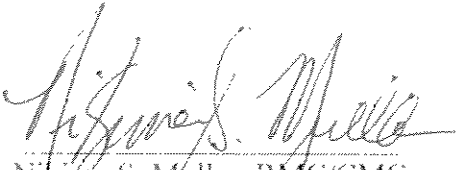
Nays:

Recuse:

Abstain:

Absent: Brown and Jones

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mount Holly Township Council at a meeting held on October 12, 2016.


Nikima S. Muller, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk