

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MONMOUTH COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH VARIOUS MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth adopted the Complete Streets Policy on July 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Complete Streets include improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and mobility challenged, as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free; providing connections to 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, numerous municipalities in Monmouth County, including the Borough of Fair Haven have also adopted a Complete Streets Policy; and

WHEREAS, bicycle lanes, which promote road sharing, are a key component of a comprehensive complete streets initiative on both the local and County roads; and

WHEREAS, a road sharing initiative can be designed using existing county and local public right of way, using a combination of bike lane symbols, shared lane markings (“sharrows”) and road signage along existing roadways and cartways, which will be both practical and cost effective, while increasing safety awareness for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands requests that Monmouth County act as the lead agency in support of a bike lane initiative that would increase the connectivity of Monmouth County municipalities using both local and County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders, Borough of Red Bank, Borough of Little Silver, Borough of Rumson, Borough of Eatontown, Borough of Oceanport, Borough of Sea Bright, Borough of Monmouth Beach, Borough of Atlantic Highlands, Borough of Fair Haven, Middletown Township and the City of Long Branch.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARD			x			
KANE						x
REDMOND			x			
RYAN		x	x			
NOLAN	x		x			
ON CONSENT AGENDA		x	YES		NO	

DATE: August 20, 2014

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R-14-182 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held on August 20, 2014.

Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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