

RESOLUTION

Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange Authorizing an Application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation Complete Streets Design Guide defines complete streets as follows: “Complete Streets are streets designed for all users, all modes of transportation, and all ability levels. They balance the needs of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, emergency responders, and goods movement based on the local context”; and

WHEREAS, while the primary benefit of complete streets is improved safety, particularly for people who walk or bike who are the most vulnerable users of the street, there are other positive outcomes. Complete streets create better places to live, work, and do business. They can help improve the health of a community by encouraging people to walk and bike, bolster the local economy by generating foot traffic in business districts and provide greater mobility options for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, when streets are not complete, the negative impacts on public health, safety, equity and the economy and the environment are disproportionately borne by low-income and minority communities.

WHEREAS, through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority’s FY2022 Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program, Sustainable Jersey will coordinate and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University will provide planning-level technical assistance services to municipalities for a specific project related to advancing a complete streets initiative in their communities; and

WHEREAS, although no direct funding is provided, selected municipalities will receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing a complete streets initiative in their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange authorizes Leonard Lepore to submit an application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program to receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing complete streets, and also commits pertinent municipal staff to coordinate and collaborate with Sustainable Jersey, Voorhees Transportation Center and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to support the successful and timely delivery of technical assistance services.

I, Karen J. Carnevale, the Municipal Clerk of the Township of West Orange, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Township of West Orange at a meeting held this 15th day of February 2022.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Susan McCartney, Council President

Adopted: February 15, 2022