

Resolution No. 2025-150

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE STREETS FOR ALL POLICY

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users is a priority; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all users of all ages and abilities. “All users” include pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, and transit vehicle users; and

WHEREAS, Complete Street policies support the goals of the Town of Phillipsburg Master Plan and supporting elements; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allow for safe, accessible, and convenient travel, reducing serious injuries and fatalities for all users of the roadway, including pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older adults, people with disabilities, non-drivers, transit riders, residents of Priority Communities, and those who cannot afford a car or choose to reduce their car usage; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is federally designated as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus State due to high numbers of pedestrian/bicycle-involved fatalities, and New Jersey’s pedestrian fatality rate continues to significantly exceed the national average; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are preventable and the only acceptable number of traffic deaths is zero; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets that incorporate sustainable Green Streets design elements, such as green stormwater infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, and the use of recycled materials, protect and create a healthier natural and social environment, improve air and water quality, and reduce localized flooding; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets implementation enhances access to local businesses, encourages reinvestment, increases property values and employment, and stimulates private investment, especially in retail districts, downtowns, and tourist areas; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets encourage an active lifestyle through increased physical activity, social connectivity, and sense of community belonging, thereby lowering risk of obesity, reducing chronic disease, improving mental health, and promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets implementation provides the opportunity to enhance the historic character of our communities and our understanding of our shared history in a way that promotes the economic and social vitality of our communities and should be considered in the design of infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, procedures should be implemented that ensure fair treatment, equitable funding and resource distribution, and meaningful involvement of all communities in all phases from selection, planning, and design to construction and long-term maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a balanced and flexible transportation system where all people can easily and safely walk and bicycle to everyday destinations¹⁶ — such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs — enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, low- and moderate-income areas, whether in rural, urban, or suburban communities, are typically the least safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially for children walking and biking to school,

WHEREAS, a balanced and flexible transportation system where all people can easily and safely walk and bicycle to everyday destinations — such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs — enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, low- and moderate-income areas, whether in rural, urban, or suburban communities, are typically the least safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially for children walking and biking to school, due to long-standing infrastructure disparities and higher concentration of streets with faster-moving and higher-volume traffic; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Complete Streets policy should not negatively impact the affordability of the neighborhood for current residents; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets policy applies to new, reconstruction, retrofit, and resurfacing projects, including design, planning, construction, maintenance and operations, for the entire right-of-way; and

WHEREAS requests for all exceptions must be submitted in writing, with supporting documentation, and made publicly available with a minimum of 30 days allowed for public input; and

WHEREAS, all initial planning, concept and design studies of infrastructure projects consider design elements that improve public health, environment, economy, equity, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Town of Phillipsburg adopts the Complete Streets Policy attached hereto; and made part of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all Town Departments within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

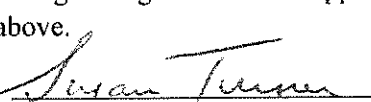
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On this 23rd day of July, 2025

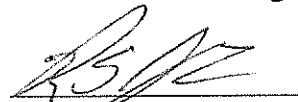


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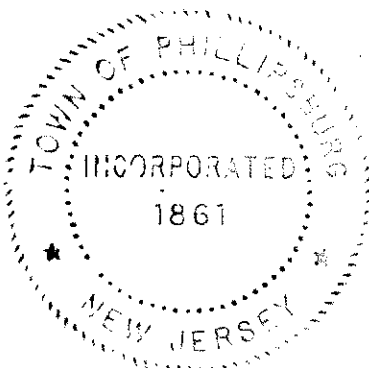
My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL 

Acting Municipal Clerk



Mayor



Complete Streets Policy

1. All transportation projects shall result in Complete Streets that allow safe, environmentally healthy, economically sound, equitable, accessible, and convenient travel along and across streets for users of all ages and abilities and for all modes of transportation, including motorists, bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, and pedestrians and strive to meet the following goals:
 - a. Environment: Improve air and water quality; reduce flooding; mitigate traffic congestion.
 - b. Safety: Eliminate all road fatalities, significantly reduce crash severity and injury, eliminate all road fatalities, significantly reduce crash severity and injury, and improve personal safety through increasing the number of people of walking and bicycling.
 - c. Economic: Stimulate economic prosperity.
 - d. Health: Increase physical activity and social connectivity with the goal of lowering the risk of obesity, reducing chronic disease and promoting wellness.
 - e. Equity: Implement policies and distribute funding and other resources equitably and responsibly in all neighborhoods, particularly in Priority Communities; improve non-motor vehicle transportation systems.
2. This section shall apply to all public and/or private transportation projects, including those using funds awarded by, federal, state, regional, county, municipal, or any other public agency. This shall include new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, repaving, rehabilitation, private development projects, and maintenance of highways, roads, and streets.
3. The Business Administrator or party designated by the Business Administrator shall routinely work in coordination with each other and adjacent jurisdictions, and any relevant advisory committees/teams, to create Complete and Green Streets and to ensure consistency with the Town of Phillipsburg Master Plan and Elements and any other existing Pedestrian/Bicycle/Multimodal Plans, Stormwater Management Plans, Pollution Prevention Plans, and Historic Preservation Plans.
4. Within two years of the effective date of this Policy, the Town Council shall inventory and audit procedures, policies, plans, documents, training programs, performance measures and other guidance documents to be consistent with this policy. The purpose of this audit is to identify areas where tenets of this policy will need to be incorporated. This includes, but is not limited to, funding, planning, designing, operating, and maintaining transportation infrastructure. The [decision-making body] will use this audit to incorporate this policy as updates to its procedures, plans, policies, etc. as they are scheduled.
5. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, when appropriate, sustainable design elements, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Green stormwater infrastructure practices
 - b. Traffic Calming
 - c. Shade trees and other vegetation
6. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, where appropriate, pedestrian and bicycle design elements and transit amenities, including but not limited to: curb extensions, sidewalks, radar feedback signs, pedestrian countdown signals, pedestrian refuge islands, road

diets, lane width reductions, chicanes, roundabouts, bike lanes, protected bike lanes, bike parking, lighting, wayfinding, seating, trash receptacles, transit amenities, etc.

7. The Town Council shall utilize the most current editions of guides, manuals, and best practices on street design, historic preservation construction, operations, and maintenance that apply to bicycle, pedestrian, transit, stormwater and highway facilities. All manuals, standards, and guidelines shall be made publicly available online.
8. The Business Administrator shall lead the implementation of this Policy and formally coordinate with the Town planner, engineer, economic development, public works, etc. with advice and input from Joint Land Use Board or other Town committees to set measurable goals to ensure the successful implementation of the Complete Streets Policy in Priority Communities.