



TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

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RESOLUTION NO. 148-22

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF A COMPLETE AND GREEN STREETS POLICY AND A COMMITMENT TO ADOPT A TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS-SPECIFIC POLICY

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

WHEREAS the public roads in our community are a public resource with economic, environmental, health and safety impacts on all who drive, walk, run, ride, live or do business on and along them; and

WHEREAS managing our streets, pathways and trails to maximize benefit for current and future users is a priority for Morris Township; and

WHEREAS, this declaration of commitment to Complete & Green Streets (C&GS) strategies retains municipal control over all new, retrofit, renovation, resurfacing or new initiatives and the right to selectively fund them through annual public works budgets, capital expenditures or grants; and

WHEREAS, (C&GS) is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation choices through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all roadway users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, (C&GS) allow for safe, accessible, and convenient travel, reducing serious injuries and fatalities for all users of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, "all users" include motorists, bicyclists, scooter users, pedestrians, public transportation and emergency vehicles and their operators and passengers, delivery trucks and movers of commercial goods, persons with disabilities, older adults, young families with baby carriages, and those who cannot afford a car or choose to reduce their car usage; and

WHEREAS, (C&GS) policies support the goals of the Morris Township master plan; and

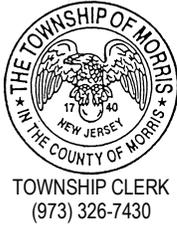
WHEREAS, NJ State Police 2021 motor vehicle accident data has shown a continuing annual increase in traffic fatalities. In 2021, New Jersey saw an increase of 115 fatalities, up 19.6% compared to 2020. Driver and passenger fatalities increased 17 percent; pedestrian fatalities were up 23 percent, and pedal cyclist fatalities saw an increase of 50 percent; and

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

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation adopted a (C&GS) (Policy No. 703), for projects funded through the Department's Capital Program and encouraged the adoption of similar policies by local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Complete & Green Streets that incorporate sustainable Green Streets design elements, such as green storm water infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, natural and other planted areas 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, (C&GS) implementation enhances access to recreational facilities, public facilities, local businesses, encourages reinvestment, increases property values and employment, and stimulates private investment, especially in retail districts; and



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WHEREAS, (C&GS) 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, (C&GS) implementation provides the opportunity to enhance the 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

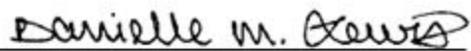
WHEREAS, a balanced and flexible transportation system where all people can easily and safely walk and bicycle to everyday destinations — such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs — enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, (C&GS) policy applies to new construction, reconstruction, retrofit, and resurfacing projects, including design, planning, construction, striping, maintenance and operations, for the entire right-of-way; 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 by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris recognizes the value of Complete & Green Streets strategies, commits the Township to creating a detailed policy for implementation and through this Resolution appoints the Morris Township Transportation Advisory Committee to recommend a Complete & Green Streets policy to the Morris Township Committee no later than April 1, 2023.

I, Danielle M. Lewis, Township Clerk of the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution as adopted by the Governing Body at a Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2022.



Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC

Township Clerk

Township of Morris, Morris County
State of New Jersey