

## CITY OF UNION CITY

### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Complete Street policy states, "A Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options", and

WHEREAS, the City of Union City supports the numerous benefits of Complete Streets, including: improved safety for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists, of all ages and abilities); new and improved connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as commercial areas, schools, residential neighborhoods, parks and public facilities that contribute to a comprehensive, integrated, multi-modal transportation network; and, improved community health, livability and sustainability through the provision of transportation options that encourage physical activity; and

WHEREAS, streets are a critical component of public space and an asset in establishing the image and identity of a community, providing a key framework for the history of an area, as well as current and future development; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by the City by the incorporation of pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

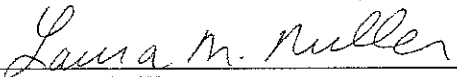
WHEREAS, the City of Union City supports the Complete Streets initiative and wishes to implement a Complete Streets policy that applies to both new and retrofit policies, specifically through the integration of this policy with the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that any policy must be flexible and reflect that all streets are different, including some streets in the City of Union City which may not fully satisfy a complete streets environment, but that the transportation system overall will balance the needs of all users and support a comprehensive network of complete streets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all public street projects, including new construction, reconstruction, and maintenance undertaken by the City of Union City shall be designed and constructed as "complete streets" whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to pedestrian safety, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
2. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes. The desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.
3. In any project, should the cost of pedestrian, public transit, bicycle facilities and/or other alternate forms of transportation cause an increase in project costs in excess of 20%, as determined by engineering estimates, that would need to be funded with local tax dollars, then and in that event approval by the Board of Commissioners must be obtained for same prior to bidding of the project.
4. The detrimental environmental or social impacts shall not outweigh the need for these accommodations.
5. The safety or timing of a project shall not be compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

I, Laura M. Miller, Acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Union City, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey at a meeting held on December 17, 2013 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the Acting Municipal Clerk, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013

  
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Laura M. Miller  
Acting Municipal Clerk