



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Monday, December 9, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 167 -19

Offered by Counselor **LEFKOVITS**
Seconded by Counselor

RESOLUTION BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE
COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge adopted a Complete Streets policy on September 10, 2012 through Resolution 132-12, committing to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users of all abilities and for all trips; and
- WHEREAS, survey results from the Master Plan Reexamination Report under development have indicated bicycle and pedestrian safety is an important issue in the Borough and there is strong public support for improving bicycling and walking conditions; and
- 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, through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's FY2020 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; and
- WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Development has worked with the Glen Ridge Police Department Traffic Bureau to identify potential areas for pedestrian safety improvements to be considered for complete streets implementation.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Director of Planning and Development to submit an application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program to receive free direct technical assistance services for temporary demonstration project guidance 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.