

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING DEDICATED BIKE LANES
AND NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS AS PART OF THE NJDOT PAVEMENT
RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ALONG
LIVINGSTON AVENUE/ROUTE 26 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) has awarded a contract for Pavement Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements along Livingston Avenue/Route 26 between Cox Road and Nassau Street (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to amend the scope of the Project to include the creation of dedicated bike lanes that would make a direct connection to the Livingston Avenue Complete Streets project recently completed by the City of New Brunswick and Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, French & Parrello Associates (FPA) was retained by New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to analyze the feasibility of constructing bicycle facilities along the corridor and prepared a “Bicycle Feasibility Study” dated April 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the study recommends an “Alternative 1: Conventional Bike Lane” that, similar to the lane configuration in the Livingston Avenue Complete Streets project, implements a “road diet” to provide one (1) 11-foot travel lane, one (1) five-foot bicycle lane, and one (1) eight-foot parking lane in each direction with 12-foot two-way left turn center lanes; and

WHEREAS, dedicated bike lanes are most helpful on streets with more than 3,000 motor vehicles per day and a posted speed higher than 25 mph, with established benefits of conventional bike lanes including increased bicyclist comfort and confidence on busy streets, separation between bicyclists and automobiles, reminders to motorists of bicyclists’ right to the street, and striped center turn lanes that improve safety for turning vehicles and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development, in conjunction with the Traffic Safety Bureau, have determined that based on minimal changes in roadway and traffic signal operations, combined with the overall safety benefits associated with implementing conventional bike lanes, this project will lead to a significant increase in safety for bicyclists along Livingston Avenue /Route 26.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township supports and endorses the establishment of bike lanes along Livingston Avenue/Route 26, as identified by “Alternative 1” in the a “Bicycle Feasibility Study” prepared by French and Parrello Associates dated April 25, 2022.

Michael C. Hritz
Director of Community Development

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Joseph Battaglia
Chief of Police

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney (Approved legal form)

RECORDED VOTE

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
MEHTA				
LOPEZ				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
SOCIO				
DAVIS				
MAYOR WOMACK				

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Russo, Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick held on May 16, 2022.

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk