

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2024-7.6**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING MERCER COUNTY'S
"GREAT WESTERN BIKEWAY" AND BICYCLE FACILITIES ALONG COUNTY
ROUTES 546, 624, 631, 632 AND 640**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington is committed to creating a pedestrian and bicycle system to the extent feasible, by creating corridors that safely accommodate users of all ages, abilities and disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington has passed Resolution No. 2014-6.10 on June 2, 2014 which supported a "Complete Streets" policy for all public street project, that are undertaken by the Borough of Pennington, the County of Mercer and the municipalities within the County of Mercer in order to ultimately achieve a network of roadways that may safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to bicyclists and pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, Borough Council in their resolution urged complete streets continuation throughout Mercer County in an attempt to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that safely accommodates all road users, and;

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Board of Commissioners, formerly known as the Board of Chosen Freeholders, endorsed a Complete Streets policy in 2012 to support safety and mobility for all modes of travel on County Highways, as per Resolution No. 2012-249, adopted April 26, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Planning Board adopted a Master Plan Mobility Element in 2010 and a Bicycle Plan in 2020 stating elements of the same policy; and,

WHEREAS, Mercer County in 2009 developed a concept for a designated bicycle route, now known as the Great Western Bikeway, on County Route 546, variously known as Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Pennington-Lawrenceville Road, and Franklin Corner Road, with a diversion around the Pennington Circle and into Pennington on County Routes 631 and 632; and,

WHEREAS, a bicycle route along County Route 546 will provide connections among a large number of neighborhoods and recreational and multimodal transportation facilities in the western and central portion of the County, including Pennington Borough, Lawrenceville village, the Brandon Farms housing tract, the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, Washington Crossing State Park, Mercer Meadows County Park, the Twin Pines multi-municipal soccer complex, and the Johnson Trolley Line Trail, which provides connections to the Lawrence-Hopewell Trail and Lawrence Township's Village Park; and,

WHEREAS, a bicycle route along Scotch Road (County Route 611) will provide for a direct connection to Ewing Township and will connect various residential, commercial and institutional destinations and will ultimately connect to the existing bicycle lane facilities on Scotch Road and Silvia Street; and,

WHEREAS, a bicycle route along County Route 631 and CR 632 will provide for a direct connection to Pennington Borough and will connect various residential and commercial areas and bypass the Pennington Circle which is an impediment for pedestrians and cyclists; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mercer County applied for and successfully obtained a Regional Transportation Alternatives Program grant from NJDOT for the design and construction of the Great Western Bikeway and for which Mercer County has just completed Preliminary Engineering on the proposed alignment and has requested Final Design authorization from NJDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the County will now be finalizing the design portion of the project which will be followed by the construction phase; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Pennington hereby endorses bicycle facilities for the project known as the Great Western Bikeway and will provide general technical assistance, guidance and coordination if necessary for the duration of the project.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on July 1, 2024.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk