

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2022-12.22**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INSTALL AN ALL-PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL PHASE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 31
AND WEST DELAWARE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, all Pennington students must cross Route 31 to walk to Hopewell Valley Regional School District's middle school and high school; and

WHEREAS, late school busing was eliminated requiring more students to walk home from school following afterschool activities when a crossing guard is not present; and

WHEREAS, more students are walking due to the increase in the cost of courtesy busing along with the elimination of a cap on the cost of busing for a family; and

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough and Hopewell Township officials have long advocated for a more protected crossing for students and residents at the intersection of Route 31 and West Delaware Avenue; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes in New Jersey resulted in 697 fatalities in 2021, a 20% increase from 2019; and

WHEREAS, 35% of these fatalities were pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Pennington has adopted a Vision Zero resolution which focuses on a safe systems approach to transportation planning and the principle that human life and health should be prioritized in all transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT and Pennington have Complete Street policies which call for designing roads with the safety of all users in mind; and

WHEREAS, an all-pedestrian signal phase enables pedestrians to have their own phase, with no traffic movements, which reduces any conflict between pedestrians and motorists, therefore decreasing the likelihood of drivers crashing into pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, there are no pedestrians during the auto phases, which increases the throughput of the turning movements of cars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Pennington Borough request that the New Jersey Department of Transportation install all-pedestrian signals at the intersection of Route 31 and West Delaware Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone					Gross				
Chandler					Marciante				
Gnatt					Stern				

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 special meeting on December 29, 2022.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk