

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS ALONG HAMILTON STREET

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is now accepting applications for the Transportation Enhancement ARRA (Economic Recovery) Program;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Enhancement Program provides communities with funding for nontraditional transportation projects that enhance the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of the State's transportation system;

WHEREAS, this year's Transportation Enhancement Program will receive funding through the recently enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin is seeking funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program for the construction of streetscape improvements along Hamilton Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of streetscape improvements along Hamilton Street is necessary and appropriate for the following reasons: Hamilton Street is for all intents and purposes the Downtown of the Somerset community in Franklin Township serving not only as a local business neighborhood market but also as a regional transportation and commercial venue; revitalizing the area is consistent with Smart Growth principles; this project is a continuation of an ongoing effort to revitalize Hamilton Street and will implement elements of a larger plan for its revitalization which efforts include creation of a Special Improvement District (SID-BID), preparation of the Hamilton Street Revitalization plan, creation of a streetscape design funded by the Somerset County Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) and creation of Township zoning and design standards unique to the Hamilton Street district; and, it will be a continuation of the pilot section that will be constructed on both sides of Hamilton Street in the center of the district from Baer Avenue to Douglas Street with grants from the State and County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Franklin that the Council authorizes and supports the filing of an application for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in association with the Transportation Enhancement ARRA (Economic Recovery) Program for the purpose of constructing streetscape improvements along Hamilton Street;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Council hereby directs that a copy of the resolution be included in the Township's grant application.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann Marie McCarthy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of May 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Township this 13th day of May 2009.

Ann Marie McCarthy
Township Clerk