

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG CEDAR GROVE LANE

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 sidewalks along Cedar Grove Lane generally in the area of New Brunswick Road and Pierce Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of additional sidewalks along Cedar Grove Lane is necessary and appropriate for the following reasons: this area is located in close proximity to several multi-family developments along Cedar Gove Lane and New Brunswick Road; it will increase access opportunities to a school in the area; the area contains commercial establishments along Cedar Grove Lane and Pierce Street and additional sidewalks will connect these commercial establishments and will connect the commercial areas to the nearby multi-family developments; these sidewalks will encourage use of mass transit by increasing access to bus stops; this area contains areas of existing and planned sidewalks and the proposed additional sidewalk will complete the sidewalk network in this segment of Cedar Grove Lane; and, the proposed sidewalks will connect to, and extend, a much larger pedestrian network existing along Cedar Grove Lane and New Brunswick Road (as well as to the sidewalk networks internal to the multi-family developments along these roadway).

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 sidewalks along Cedar Grove Lane generally in the area of New Brunswick Road and Pierce 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