

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG STATE ROUTE 27 IN FRANKLIN PARK

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 in the Franklin Park section of Route 27 from Stewarts Avenue north to Clover Place; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of additional sidewalks in the Franklin Park segment of Route 27 is necessary and appropriate for the following reasons: Franklin Park is located in close proximity to several multi-family developments along Stewart Avenue and Beekman Road; Franklin Park is a Historic District; Franklin Park contains numerous commercial establishments and additional sidewalks will connect these commercial establishments and will connect the commercial areas to the nearby multi-family developments; this area contains areas of existing sidewalk and the proposed additional sidewalk will complete the sidewalk network in this segment of Route 27; the proposed sidewalks will connect to, and extend, a much larger sidewalk network existing along Stewart Avenue and Beekman Road (as well as to the sidewalk networks internal to the multi-family developments along these roadways); and, completion of the Franklin Park sidewalk network will encourage use of mass transit by residents, employees and visitors by increasing access to the bus stops existing along this portion of Route 27.

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 in the Franklin Park section of Route 27 from Stewarts Avenue north to Clover Place;

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