



## **Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy**

### **Model Resolution of Support and Engagement**

WHEREAS, the Route 1 corridor from Trenton to New Brunswick is a corridor of critical economic importance to the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality/County Name] is located within the Route 1 corridor; and

WHEREAS, past and current land use, economic development and transportation investment policies and fragmented decision-making in the corridor have led to a variety of conditions, including: limited travel options, unacceptable levels of congestion, decreased mobility, decreasing marketability of commercial properties; lack of housing choice and high housing costs, increased vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions, continued loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 a group of regional stakeholders, including municipal, county and state agency officials and representatives from the private sector have participated in the *Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy* planning process designed to identify shared regional planning principles, desired growth outcomes and an integrated land use and transportation vision for the corridor in order to chart a course for a prosperous and sustainable future;

WHEREAS, those participating in the planning process have agreed that well planned and better coordinated land-use, economic development and transportation investment decisions can provide for more sustainable outcomes, including: more walk-able, bike-able, and transit-friendly communities; greater travel choice; efficient and effective transportation; reduce demand for automobile travel; redevelopment of abandoned and underutilized properties; growing and competitive businesses with good jobs and a strong future; a diversity of housing options located near jobs; enhanced environment and natural resources; fiscal balance and equity; and an even higher quality of life than the region enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, those participating in the planning process have also agreed by general consensus on the need for strategic transportation investments linked to identified growth centers and nodes throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the vision will require a sustained and long-term commitment to cooperative action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the [governing body of municipality/county] agree to support actions as appropriate to our body in the following four categories:

- Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development – Municipalities will undertake work to revise their planning documents, particularly their master plan and zoning ordinance, to allow and promote mixed-use centers.
- Transportation Project Development and Investment – Public agencies, particularly on the state level, will identify funding to design and construct agreed-upon transportation projects. The regional stakeholders will continue to work within the vision of the Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy to identify and build consensus for specific projects.
- Public Engagement, Education, and Influence – Civic leaders at all levels need to engage and educate decision-makers and citizens about the benefits of well-planned and coordinated land-use, economic development and transportation investment decisions.
- Coordinated Decision-Making – Local and state agencies will strive to attain coordinated and consistent decision-making in support of more sustainable outcomes for the Route 1 corridor in terms of an ongoing high quality of life in communities, efficient and effective transportation, enhanced environmental quality, and growing and competitive businesses.

Date Voted: xx/xx/xxxx

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the XXXXXXXX on xx/xx/xxxx