



## **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, past and current land use, economic development and transportation investment policies and fragmented decision-making in the corridor have led to a variety of negative and deteriorating conditions, including: limited travel options, unacceptable levels of congestion, decreased mobility, 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 a 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 address the negative consequences of past decisions and chart a course for the 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; regional roadways that no longer need to support all 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 a long-range vision for the corridor that combines strategic roadway and transit investments linked to identified growth centers and nodes throughout the region; and

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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 implementation of the *Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy* by:

1. Reexamining municipal/county land use, economic development, circulation and transportation plans and ordinances for consistency with the *Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy*.
2. Considering the *Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy* when making government decisions (large and small) related to land use, economic development and transportation matters, evaluating how short term decisions may impact long term implementation of the strategy and striving to make all decisions consistent with the strategy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we the town of \_\_\_\_\_ will work cooperatively with neighboring communities, NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT and other agencies and stakeholders to resolve any conflicts that may arise during the planning and implementation process.

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