

EXPLANATION: A Resolution of Support (Concurrence) for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Route 202 Bridge Over the North Branch of the Raritan River repair/replacement project in Bedminster Township

**BEDMINISTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-132**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently met with elected officials, township professionals, township staff, local school officials and other interested parties regarding a repair/replacement project for the Route 202 Bridge over the North Branch of the Raritan River in Bedminster Township; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT investigation revealed that the current bridge, built in 1922, requires major repairs and is the subject of a replacement project scheduled for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT scheduled several meetings with all interested parties to evaluate bridge replacement alternatives that will have the least impact on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, working in concurrence with local school and EMS/Fire representatives, reviewed five (5) staging alternatives to manage traffic control during the replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, in an effort to minimize costs and the additional burden on traffic control and local school budgets by keeping the project within a single fiscal year, supports a full shutdown of the bridge, with a temporary pedestrian walkway, that will impact the community for approximately nine (9) months; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, in consideration for supporting the staging alternative that spans the least amount of time, would be willing to waive local ordinances that restrict construction times in an effort to complete the project in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, in consideration for supporting the staging alternative that spans the least amount of time, would request that NJDOT consider sharing the potential cost savings with both the Township of Bedminster and the local schools boards to offset the additional costs incurred for road maintenance, school bus contracts, teacher overtime, police overtime and other additional costs that may arise throughout the bridge replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster, in an effort to minimize disruptions related to pupil transportation, requests the NJDOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) to close vehicular traffic on the first day after the last day of school in June and that it perform its replacement and repair operations as efficiently as possible to ensure a bridge re-opening on the first day of school in September of the calendar year following closure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it supports a full shutdown staging alternative, with a temporary pedestrian walkway, for the Route 202 Bridge Over the North Branch of the Raritan River as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

By: _____
Judith A. Sullivan, Clerk

By: _____
Steven E. Parker, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith A. Sullivan, Township Clerk for the Township of Bedminster, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting of said Committee held on December 7, 2015.

Judith A. Sullivan, Township Clerk

Introduced	Seconded	Township Committee	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Steven E. Parker, Mayor				
		Bernie Pane				
		Lawrence F. Jacobs				
		Staci Santucci				
		Kenneth Olsen				