

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution of Support (Concurrence) for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Rattlesnake Bridge Road over I-78 bridge repair/replacement project in Bedminster Township

**BEDMINISTER TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-056**

**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 Rattlesnake Bridge Road bridge over I-78 in Bedminster Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT investigation revealed that the current bridge, built in 1965, requires decking repairs and is the subject of a repair project scheduled for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT scheduled several meetings with all interested parties to evaluate scheduling of the project and traffic detour alternatives that will have the least impact on the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster, working in concurrence with local school, EMS/Fire representatives and representatives from local businesses, reviewed four (4) staging alternatives to manage traffic control during the replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster, in an effort to minimize costs and the impact on local businesses as well as the additional burden on traffic control and local school budgets by keeping the project within a single fiscal year, supports a combination of two staging alternatives for the project with **Half Reconstruction to Maintain One Lane of Traffic with a Southbound Detour (Alternative #2)** for the start of the project, to be immediately followed by a **Full Shutdown of the Bridge (Staging Alternative #1), to begin no earlier than July 6, 2018**, that will impact the community for approximately three (3) months total; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster, in consideration for supporting the staging alternative that will have the least impact on the surrounding community, would request that the NJDOT provide a backup power supply for traffic utilities near the project area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster, in consideration for supporting the staging alternative that will have the least impact on the surrounding community, would request that the NJDOT provide a median U-turn for EMS/Fire vehicles in the eastbound and westbound directions of I-78 (¾ to 1 mile away from Exit 26); and

**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 combination of two staging alternatives with a **Half Reconstruction to Maintain One Lane of Traffic with a Southbound Detour (Alternative #2)** for the start of the project, to be immediately followed by a **Full Shutdown of the Bridge (Staging Alternative #1), to begin no earlier than July 6, 2018**, 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 May 2, 2016.

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Judith A. Sullivan, Township Clerk

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