

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey desires to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and,

WHEREAS, The Township of West Orange's Pleasantdale Streetscape Improvement Project meets all criteria necessary to receive funding under The Transportation Alternatives Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Pleasantdale Streetscape Improvement Project includes the construction of pedestrian safety improvements and beautification enhancements in the Pleasantdale Neighborhood of West Orange, New Jersey, the entire project area running on Pleasant Valley Way (CR 636) northbound from Alisa Drive to Kenz Terrace and southbound from Marmon Terrace to Stanford Avenue and Eagle Rock Avenue (CR 611) eastbound from Haller Road to 300 feet east of Beasley Street and westbound from 300 feet east of Beasley Street to Oak Terrace); and,

WHEREAS, due to the overall anticipated cost of the Project, it makes good sense and is more affordable to complete it in phases; and

WHEREAS, based on cost analysis prepared by the Township Engineer, the project is intended to be implemented in four phases, this Resolution and the TAP grant to be sought addressing Phase I, which will include improvements along Pleasant Valley Way starting 230 feet south of Greenwood Avenue and extending northerly through the intersection of Pleasant Valley Way and Eagle Rock Avenue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the grant requirements, if the requested grant is awarded, the Township of West Orange will contribute \$150,000 for design of Phase I of the Project and \$75,000 for Project inspections and administration, totaling \$225,000.00 as the Township's contribution towards the total cost of the Phase I improvements of \$827,175.00, the balance of \$602,175.00, consisting of TAP Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will be constructed within rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of Essex County; and

WHEREAS, The Pleasantdale Streetscape Improvement Project will encourage alternative modes of transportation, enhance travel, improve open space and smart growth, and positively impact the quality of life for the residents of the Township of West Orange; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange commits to maintaining the improvements proposed in the Pleasantdale Streetscape Improvement Project until such time as the County of Essex, if ever, assumes the maintenance responsibility for improvements either in whole or in part within its rights-of-way, by resolution of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the responsible charge who will administer the proposed project and ensure that the project is completed in accordance with Federal and State guidelines will be Mr. Leonard Lepore P.E., full-time Municipal Engineer/Director of Public Works of the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, this TAP Grant application must be filed on or before November 10, 2016, and before the Council's next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, and therefore requiring the vote on its adoption by telephone polling or electronic mail, to be formally ratified at its next regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS, AND HEREBY IS, RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, incorporating the foregoing recitals, that the Mayor is authorized to have prepared, to execute and to submit an electronic grant application identified as TA-2016-West Orange Town Township-00073, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program on behalf of the Township of West Orange.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Victor Cirilo
Council President

Adopted: November 9, 2016
Memorialized: November 22, 2016