

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mt. Pleasant Avenue in West Orange from the Municipal Corporate line with Livingston Township at Nance Road east to Prospect Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Transportation and designated as State Highway No. 10; and

WHEREAS, two West Orange Public Schools, the Liberty Middle School and the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School either front on or are in proximity to State Highway No. 10; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Middle School is located at the intersection of State Highway No. 10 and Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue (Municipal Streets); and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School is located at the intersection of Ellison Avenue and Manger Road (Municipal Streets); and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange desires State Highway No. 10 from the corporate line with the Township of Livingston to just east of Ellison Avenue be designated as a School Zone with a School Speed Zone Limit of 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 6, 2018 the Township Engineer requested the New Jersey Department of Transportation, (NJDOT) Bureau of Traffic Engineering (BTE) investigate designating a portion of State Highway No. 10 from the corporate line with the Township of Livingston to 130 feet east of Ellison Avenue as a School Zone with a School Speed Zone Limit of 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the BTE performed their investigation and stated their findings and recommendations in a letter dated October 22, 2018 from Mark A. Hiestand, Supervisor, Traffic Investigations, to Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the BTE supported the designation of a School Zone along State Highway No. 10 from Nance Road, at the corporate line with Livingston, to Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue since the Liberty Middle School has frontage on State Highway No. 10; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the BTE did not support the designation of a School Zone along State Highway No. 10 from Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue to 130 feet east of Ellison Avenue since the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School did not front the State Highway and there was no designated school crossing across this section of State Highway for this school; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the BTE is to establish a speed limit along State Highway No. 10, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, in the Township of West Orange for both directions of traffic of 40 miles per hour between the Livingston Township-West Orange Township corporate line and Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue, except for 25 miles per hour when passing through the Liberty Middle School Zone (milepost 21.67 to 21.87) during recess or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours; and

WHEREAS, for the NJDOT to establish the School Zone Speed Limit of 25 miles per hour between the Livingston/West Orange Corporate Line at Nance Road and the intersection of Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange must adopt a Resolution of support; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer concurs with the findings and recommendations of the NJDOT, BTE; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council concurs in the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that it supports the New Jersey Department of Transportation designating State Highway No. 10, Mt.

Pleasant Avenue, as a School Zone between the Livingston Township-West Orange Township Corporate Line and Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue, milepost 21.67 to 21.87.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that it supports the following speed limits along a portion of State Highway No. 10, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, in the Township of West Orange for both directions of traffic:

40 miles per hour between the Livingston Township-West Orange Township corporate line and Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue, except for 25 miles per hour when passing through the Liberty Middle School Zone (milepost 21.67 to 21.87) during recess or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a signed and sealed certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering.

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

Susan McCartney
Council President

Adopted: November 13, 2018