

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No. 254-21

Dated: September 28, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOL PROGRAM 2022**

WHEREAS, the FY2022 Safe Routes to School Program ("Program") provides federal funds for infrastructure projects that facilitate walking and/or bicycling to school, including the construction or installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, signals, traffic-calming measures, and bicycle facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange, in coordination with the West Orange Board of Education, has worked diligently to implement projects that improve the accessibility, safety, use, and maintenance of the areas surrounding schools within the community; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2022 Program is being administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, no municipal matching funds are required through this Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange wishes to apply for these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the West Orange Safe Routes to School Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Orange Council as follows:

- A. The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, formally authorize the Mayor and Clerk to submit an electronic grant application identified as "*SRS-2022-West Orange Safe Routes to School P-00038*" to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the 2022 Safe Routes to School Program on behalf of the Township of West Orange.
- B. This project involves roadways that are owned and maintained by both the Township of West Orange and by the County of Essex and the County of Essex will document a clear commitment in support the Township's application and to maintain the right of way within project area as it always has. This document will also make clear the boundaries of ownership between the County of Essex and the Township of West Orange.

- C. Following the completion of the proposed project, the Township of West Orange will assume maintenance responsibility over all improvements completed with grant funding awarded under the FY2022 Safe Routes to School Program; and,
- D. The Township of West Orange is designating Leonard Lepore P.E., Municipal Engineer/Director of Public Works as the “responsible charge” for this program. Leonard Lepore is a full-time employee of the Township of West Orange in the role of Municipal Engineer/Director of Public Works and will be the responsible charge for the proposed Federal-aid construction project.
- E. Upon receipt of a grant award, the Mayor, or those in said title, is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of West Orange Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.
- F. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Dated: September 28, 2021

I, Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Council held on September 28, 2021.

Karen J. Carnevale
Municipal Clerk