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October 13, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2027

WHEREAS, the FY2027 Safe Routes to School Program (the "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 FY2027 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 $1,146,414.30 for the St. Cloud Elementary School, Liberty Middle School, Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, Thomas A. Edison Middle School, and Washington Elementary School Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Improvements Project.

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

A. The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, formally authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to submit an electronic grant application identified as *"SRS-2027-Sheridan Ave, Main Street, Manger R-00021"* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the 2027 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 of 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 FY2027 Safe Routes to School Program.

D. The Township of West Orange is designating Zayibeth Carballo, Municipal Engineer, Department of Engineering as the "responsible charge" for this program. Zayibeth Carballo is a full-time employee of the Township of West Orange and will be the responsible charge for the proposed Federal-aid construction project.

E. Upon receipt of a grant award, the Mayor 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's Office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

I, Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Council held on October 13, 2026

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

Susan Scarpa, Council President

Adopted: October 13, 2026