

Subject: Proposed amendment and addition to the Mercer County Master Plan, "Mercer County 2020 Bicycle Plan Element, Plan for Incorporating Complete Streets and Bicycles into Mercer County Owned Highways."

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Master Plan was adopted by the Mercer County Planning Board on September 08, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Master Plan is comprised of the Framework parent document with Map Appendix, Farm Preservation, Historic Preservation, Mobility, and Open Space elements; and

WHEREAS, the "Mercer County 2020 Bicycle Plan Element, Plan for Incorporating Complete Streets and Bicycles into Mercer County Owned Highways", henceforth known as the Bicycle Plan Element, is a new proposed sub-element to complement the Mobility Element of the County Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the County Bicycle Element of the Master Plan serves to enhance the County road network, as directed in the Mercer County Complete Streets Resolution (Resolution No. 2012-249) adopted by the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders on April 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, with the Complete Streets Resolution, the Board of Chosen Freeholders expressed support for the County Executive's "Complete Streets" policy for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofitted transportation facilities to enable safe access and mobility, not only for motorists, but also for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Plan Element offers guidance to project development in the County's capital program. Its goal is to enhance the safety and convenience of bicycle travel on the County's road network and thereby improve the quality of life for everyone who lives and works in Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Planning Department arranged for a public notice to be published in the Trenton Times newspaper on February 18, 2020, advertising of a public hearing and seeking public comment concerning the proposed a amendment and addition to the Mercer County Master Plan and its elements specified herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Mercer County Planning Board on March 11, 2020 concerning the amendment and addition of the Bicycle Plan Element; and

WHEREAS, the period for public commentary came to a close on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, no public commentary regarding this amendment was received at the Mercer County Planning Board public meeting, nor during any time during the public commentary period; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has found the proposed amendment and addition to be consistent with Framework Document of the Mercer County Master Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Planning Board hereby adopts the "Mercer County 2020 Bicycle Plan Element, Plan for Incorporating Complete Streets and Bicycles into Mercer County Owned Highways" henceforth known as the Bicycle Plan Element, as an element of the Mercer County Master Plan.

3/11/2020
Date Adopted


Secretary