

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRAFFIC
CONTROL MEASURES ON BEAR TAVERN ROAD**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #09-107 the Hopewell Township Committee conditionally endorsed the replacement of the Jacobs Creek Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the conditions set forth in Resolution 09-107 included the implementation of traffic calming, speed limit reductions and no passing zone removal at Bear Tavern School; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2009 Hopewell Township hosted a meeting for citizens with a variety of concerns about Bear Tavern Road and this meeting included County engineering staff; and

WHEREAS, the June 24, 2009 meeting generated many resident recommendations which Mercer County is considering, including some which were recognized by the County Staff as being able to implement immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee heard additional recommendations from members of the public at its meeting held August 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee requests that the County specifically implement the following recommendations:

1. The passing zone in front of the Bear Tavern School will be replaced with a No Passing Zone.
2. The speed limit between the Janssen driveway northerly to a point 2,000 feet north of Church Road shall be reduced to 35 mph.
3. The speed limit between 2,000 feet north of Church Road northerly to Harbourton-Woodville Road shall be reduced to 45 mph.
4. The speed limit along the frontage of Bear Tavern School shall be reduced to 25 mph between the hours of 7:30 am and 6 pm and the flashing devices shall be replaced with new, more reliable, high visibility flashers which will remain flashing between 7:30 am and 6:00 pm.
5. Mercer County shall use pavement striping alternatives to serve as initial traffic calming measures.
6. Mercer County shall consider additional traffic calming measures as warranted in the 6-12 months following implementation of the above measures.
7. Mercer County shall consider traffic control devices (traffic signal/roundabout) at the intersection of Bear Tavern Road with the Janssen driveway.
8. Mercer County shall create a "Farm Vehicle Crossing" area at the Kerr farm.
9. Mercer County shall install a pedestrian crosswalk in the vicinity of the northerly most access drive of the Bear Tavern School where the existing sidewalk terminates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of August, 2009, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Hopewell Township endorses and requests immediate implementation of the recommendations above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hopewell Township agrees to work with Mercer County to remove the no passing zones at Bear Tavern School prior to the beginning of the school year if possible provided that Mercer County perform any and all requisite traffic engineering.

Copies to: Brian Hughes, Mercer County Executive
 Aaron Watson, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure
 Greg Sandusky, Mercer County Engineer

Date Adopted: August 10, 2009