

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

RESOLUTION #13-94

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROUTE 31 PENNINGTON CIRCLE**

WHEREAS, in response to numerous accidents involving head-on collisions and fatalities along the segment of Route 31 between the Pennington Circle and Interstate 95, Hopewell Township requested the New Jersey Department Of Transportation (Department) improve the safety of the traveling public along this roadway segment; and

WHEREAS, for several years, the Department conducted engineering studies and held meetings to discuss short and long term improvements that would help mitigate contributing factors to these accidents; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Department made a recommendation to eliminate left turns south of the Pennington Circle which was approved by Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years the Department has studied various improvements to the Pennington Circle; and

WHEREAS, the Department has concluded its studies on the Pennington Circle and has determined that over 200 accidents occurred on the Circle or its approaches in the past 3 years and that the Pennington Circle ranks 98 among all state highway intersections in New Jersey requiring improvements or reconstruction to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that curb line modifications, restriping and traffic island reconstruction, as shown on "Concept #5", would improve the safety and efficiency at the Circle such that Levels of Service "C" would exist through the year 2027; and

WHEREAS, "Concept #5", as proposed, was previously endorsed by the Hopewell Township Committee on February 23, 2009 by Resolution #09-80; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that it is unable to fund Concept #5A and has, therefore, proposed a less expensive alternative shown on a plan entitled "Preliminary Preferred Alternative" dated April 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 25th day of February, 2013 that the Hopewell Township Committee finds that the "Preliminary Preferred Alternative" dated April 2012 will offer improvements to the safety of the traveling public in the Pennington Circle and recommends this plan be implemented immediately conditioned upon all structural supports and mounting hardware (except signal heads) for the proposed traffic metering signals for both the north and southbound directions being black powder coated.

Date Adopted: February 25, 2013

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE
A TRUE COPY OF A *Resolution* ADOPTED
BY THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AT A MEETING HELD

February 25, 2013

DATE

Laurie E. Gompf

LAURIE E. GOMPf, MUNICIPAL CLERK