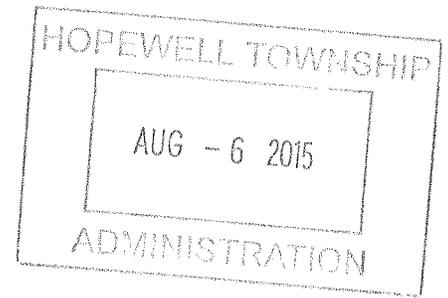


THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON



August 4, 2015

State of New Jersey
Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

Attention: Scott Stephens
Director, Community and Constituent Relations

RE: Route 31 Pennington Circle Project

Mr. Stephens:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution 2015-8.5, opposing installation of a full traffic signal at the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and State Route 31. The Pennington Borough Council approved this resolution at their regular council meeting held August 3, 2015.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sterling
Borough Clerk/Treasurer

cc: County of Mercer
Paul Pogorzelski, Hopewell Township

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8.5**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING INSTALLATION OF FULL TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT
THE INTERSECTION OF INGLESIDE AVENUE AND STATE ROUTE 31**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is proposing safety improvements to the Pennington Circle on Route 31 (“Pennington Circle Improvement Project”) in Hopewell Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, traffic metering signals are proposed as part of the Pennington Circle Improvement Project to be located to the north and to the south of the Circle on Route 31; and

WHEREAS, County Route 631 (“CR631”), also known as Ingleside Avenue, traversing part of the Borough of Pennington, lies north of the proposed southbound metering signal and a flasher-type signal currently controls its intersection with Route 31; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2015, the Hopewell Township Committee passed a resolution that in part called for the replacement of this flasher-type signal with a full traffic signal that includes accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Ingleside Avenue is a residential street in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, the Mercer County Route 546 bikeway Planning and Development Study Action Plan identified the intersection of CR631 and Route 31 as a potential location for a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon and crosswalk rather than a full traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, Ingleside Avenue also intersects with Burd Street, a residential street, at the corner of the intersection of Main Street and Ingleside; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2009-220 of the Mercer County Freeholders directed that the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Burd Street have a full stop sign at Burd Street, replacing a yield sign at that location, in the interest of safety and the expeditious flow of traffic; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council opposes the proposed substitution of a full traffic signal for the flasher-type signal at the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Route 31 and wants its opposition known by NJDOT, Mercer County and the Hopewell Township Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington that it hereby memorializes its opposition to the proposed substitution of a full traffic signal for the existing flasher-type signal at the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Route 31 for the following reasons:

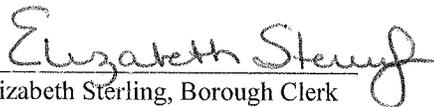
1. A full-signal intersection will encourage drivers to use Ingleside Avenue as a detour bypass from and to Route 31 and to access Burd Street as a “cut-through” to avoid volume on Route 31.
2. Both Ingleside Avenue and Burd Street are residential streets in the Borough and are not designed for capacity beyond residential use. The increase in traffic volume will pose a danger to children, pedestrians and bicycle riders.
3. There are no data suggesting that the current signal at Ingleside Avenue and Route 31 is ineffective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Mercer County and the Hopewell Township Committee.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler				absent	Griffiths	S			
Davy	M				Lawver	X			
Gnatt	X				Marciante	X			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on August 3, 2015.


 Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk