

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #15-255

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION RELOCATE TRAFFIC METERING SIGNALS PROPOSED
FOR THE ROUTE 31 PENNINGTON CIRCLE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is proposing safety improvements to the Pennington Circle on Route 31; and

WHEREAS, during the Public Information Center for the project held on June 29, 2015, there was public comment that requested relocation of the metering signals proposed as part of the project; and

WHEREAS, following the Public Information Center residents of Hopewell Township formally raised their concerns and objections to the Department and to the Hopewell Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, residents object to the metering signal proposed on the north side of the Circle because the signal is placed in a location that will permit stopped traffic to block driveways and deny safe access to residential dwellings fronting on the west side of Route 31 between the signal and Ingleside Avenue; and

WHEREAS, residents object to the proposed metering signal south of the Circle because the signal is placed only 2,000 feet (+/-) north of the existing Denow Road traffic signal which already serves to regulate the flow of traffic to the Pennington Circle and the proposed signal will serve no purpose other than to add unnecessary expense to the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Department has proposed various concept plans since its study of the Pennington Circle began and some concepts included metering signals and others did not include metering signals; and

WHEREAS, the Department cited "costs" as a primary reason for the various design concept revisions that were presented for endorsement to Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Committee has endorsed all of the various concepts because each concept proposed "safety improvements" to the Pennington Circle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 27th day of July 2015 the Hopewell Township Committee finds the concerns raised by its residents to be credible and hereby requests the New Jersey Department of Transportation 1) eliminate the proposed metering signal to be located south of the Pennington Circle, 2) eliminate the proposed metering signal to be located on north of the circle and 3) replace the existing flasher type signal at the intersection of Ingleside Avenue with Route 31 with a full traffic signal that includes accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these recommended changes will reduce the overall project costs and will be more compliant with the Township's Complete Streets ordinance by providing a traffic signal at Ingleside Avenue that will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

Date Adopted: July 27, 2015

CERTIFICATION

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

July 27, 2015
DATE

Laurie E. Gompf
LAURIE E. GOMPf, MUNICIPAL CLERK