

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2014

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A FULL INTERCHANGE 40 ON THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY IN GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY IN ORDER TO SERVICE THE ROUTH 30 CORRIDOR AND SURROINDING AREAS VITAL TO THE GROWTH AND WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVED THEREIN

WHEREAS, in 2005, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority [Authority] conducted a study at and near the Interchanges 40-44 of the Garden State Parkway to evaluate alternatives to enhance access to and from the south, eliminate the use of the Atlantic City Service area as an interchange to improve safety, and accommodate future growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, while the study previous to the 2005 study recommended completing Interchange 41 (Jimmie Leeds Road - CR 561), as well as completing Interchange 44 (Pomona Road - CR575), to provide access to and from the south, the previous study did not address improvements to Interchange 40 at the time; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Galloway, as well as other affected municipalities, have asked the Turnpike Authority to review previous studies and to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a full Interchange "40", at White Horse Pike - US 30; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, in or about April 2014, conducted said Interchange 40 Improvement Feasibility Study and technical analyses; and

WHEREAS, The Authority concluded, as communicated through letter of April 17, 2014 from our 9th District Legislative Representatives: Senator Christopher J. Connors, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and Assemblywoman Dianne C. Gove; that, in brief, "...it was determined that large-scale retail/commercial development, which would attract a large number of vehicles from the Parkway, is not likely to occur along US 30. Furthermore, the proximity of the US 30 corridor, west of the Parkway, to the Atlantic City Airport will further limit the potential for commercial and residential growth between the Parkway and Jimmie Leeds Road."; and

WHEREAS, The Galloway Municipal Council, as well as their Planning and Economic Development professionals strongly disagree with the conclusions of the feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et.seq.*, The Redevelopment and Housing Law, the Township Council of the Township of Galloway recently declared parts of the affected Route 30 - US 30 corridor as an area in need of rehabilitation and are aggressively marketing the area; and

WHEREAS, Other municipalities are also severely impaired in their economic growth through the denial of improvements/expansion of Interchange 40 on the Garden State Parkway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Weymouth Township, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Authority be urged to reconsider the conclusions of the April 2014 Feasibility Study and have the professionals conducting the study work with the professionals of the affected municipalities in order to consider all input and formulate a plan for Interchange 40 that will complement the Route 30 corridor; or in the alternative
2. The Authority shall fund a grant for the municipalities affected, to conduct their own independent, in-depth feasibility study and formulate a cohesive plan for the communities affected by the construction/improvements at Interchange 40.
3. The Township of Weymouth calls for the Authority to make the improvements needed at Interchange 40 - Route 30 corridor.

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BY _____
Kenneth R. Haeser, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is an exact copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted by the Township Committee of Weymouth Township at a Regular Meeting of that body which was held on July 2, 2014.

Attest: _____
Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC
Weymouth Township Clerk

Date: July 2, 2014