Town of Clarkstown Complete Streets Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown is committed to the development of streets that safely accommodates the needs of automobiles, pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Comprehensive Plan calls for walking and biking environments that are accessible, safe and enjoyable; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a Climate Smart Community and member ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and has resolved to implement programs which reduce carbon emissions and promote a healthier environment; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Initiative aims to promote the design of streets which accommodate and encourage a variety of uses aimed at improving street safety for all users and improving individual health by increasing walking and cycling; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown recognizes that Complete Streets are necessary to advance multiple, long-term community goals in keeping with the existing vision, mission and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets core values support long-term safety, health, mobility, economic viability, livability, sustainability, environmental protection, equity, and quality of life in the county through thoughtful street-level improvements to the built environment that make the safe and active choice the easy choice for roadway users. The Town of Clarkstown values quality of life for its citizens, whereby creating livable and vibrant places that are enjoyable and promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, such Complete Streets policies seek to promote an integrated system which considers the needs of all users of our roadways including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, motorists, and citizens of all ages and abilities, including children, the elderly and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, in addition, consistent with state law, these goals seek to encourage a program for more citizens to achieve the health benefits associated with active forms of transportation while reducing traffic congestion and auto related air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown is committed to working with County of Rockland to utilize a countywide and regional approach to balance the needs of all users by creating an interwoven web of multi-use roadways that provide basic, safe transportation access for all modes and users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown recognizes that Complete Streets implementation should be continually monitored and assessed for effectiveness and opportunities for improvement; and

WHERAS, this network should include on and off-street infrastructure that offers multiple choices of travel routes and modes (biking, walking, etc.) to foster connectivity with the aim

creating a comprehensive, integrated network that serves all roadway users, whereby increasing safety, mobility and transportation choices, and reducing automobile dependency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Town of Clarkstown to continue, expand and promote the coordinated implementation of Complete Streets projects and policies which recognize the unique needs of all roadway users and create safe, equitable, livable, and strong communities, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Clarkstown will assemble a Complete Streets Committee to review Town highway projects and applications before the Planning Board to ensure these projects implement the tenets of Complete Streets design utilizing the latest and best design criteria and guidelines, and shall establish a policy of project performance review based upon measurable outcomes.

Dated: September 12, 2017

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STATE OF NEW YORK
ROCKLAND COUNTY SS:
TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

I, JUSTIN SWEET, Town Clerk of the Town of Clarkstown, County of Rockland, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original now on file in said office, and find the same to be a true and correct transcript there from and the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Town of

Clarkstown, this 1st day of November 2017.

USTIN SWEET
Town Clerk