

#### **AGENDA**

# PLANNING BOARD REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2021 7:30 P.M.

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#### Meeting called to order by Chairman Fred Montferrat

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Roll Call – Planning Board

Approval of Agenda

Nominations:

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Oath of Office:

Steve Misiura, Class III – December 31, 2021

Bill Searing, Class II – December 31, 2021

Beth Watkins, December 31, 2024

Raymond Cabot – Alternate #2 – December 31, 2022

Approval of Minutes

December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

Public Comment

Public Hearing:

Hightstown Borough Mobility Master Plan Amendment

Capital Project:

East Windsor Regional School District - Hightstown High School -

New Tennis Courts - Capital Project - Summer 2021

#### Resolutions

2021-01 - Meeting Schedule 2021

2021-02 - Newspaper Designation

2021-03 - Appointing the Planning Board Secretary 2021-04 - Appointing the Planning Board Engineer 2021-05 - Appointing the Planning Board Attorney 2021-06 - Appointing the Planning Board Planner

### Subcommittee Appointments

- 1) Architectural Review Committee
- 2) Affordable Housing Subcommittee
- 3) Bicycle Planning Subcommittee
- 4) Liaisons:
  - a. Historic Preservation Commission
  - b. Environmental Commission

Committee and Professional Reports

Chairman and Board Member Comments

Adjourn

# Oath of Office

## BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN 156 Bank Street Hightstown, NJ 08520

I, <u>Steve Misiura</u>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people; and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of the <u>Planning Board</u> according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

Signature		
Street Address	352 South Main Street	
City, State	Hightstown, New Jersey 08520	
Term of Office	1 Year Term – December 31, 2021	
Sworn and subscrib	ped to before me on this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.	
Mayor Larry Quatt	rone	

# **Path** of **Office**

# BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN 156 Bank Street Hightstown, NJ 08520

I, William Searing, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey;
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments
established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people
and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office
of the Planning Board according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

Signature		
Street Address	121 Bennett Street	
City, State	Hightstown, New Jersey 08520	
Term of Office	1 Year Term – December 31, 2021	
Sworn and subscrib	ped to before me on this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.	
Mayor Larry Quatt	rone	

# Oath of Office

## BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN 156 Bank Street Hightstown, NJ 08520

I, <u>Beth Watkins</u>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people; and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of the <u>Planning Board</u> according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

Signature	
Street Address	314 Lincoln Avenue
City, State	Hightstown, New Jersey 08520
Term of Office	4 Year Term – Expires 12/31/2024
Sworn and subscrib	ped to before me on this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.
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# **Path** of **Office**

# BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN 156 Bank Street Hightstown, NJ 08520

I, <u>Raymond Cabot</u>, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people; and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of the <u>Planning Board</u> according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

Signature		
Street Address	337 South Main Street	
City, State	Hightstown, New Jersey 08520	
Term of Office	2 Years – December 31, 2022	

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 11th day of January 2021.

Mayor Larry Quattrone	

# Hightstown Planning Board Regular Meeting – Virtual December 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

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#### **OPEN SESSION**

Fred Montferrat, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Trenton Times and the Windsor-Hights Herald and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

#### Flag Salute

#### Roll Call

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
Mr. Montferrat, Chairman	X		
Mayor Quattrone	X		
Councilman Misiura	X		
Ms. Asselstine	X		
Ms. Jackson		X	
Ms. Watkins	X		
Mr. Searing	X		
Mr. Laudenberger	X		
Mr. Balcewicz, Alt. #1	X		
Mr. Cabot, Alt. #2	X		

Also in attendance: Sandy Belan, Planning Board Secretary, Carmela Roberts, Engineer, Jolanta Maziarz, Attorney and Brian Slaugh, Planner.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Montferrat asked for motion to approve the December 14, 2020 agenda. Ms. Asselstine asked that the agenda be amended to have the Mobility Presentation first and the Resolution approval last. Motion made by Ms. Asselstine and seconded by Mr. Laudenberger to approve the November 9, 2020 agenda.

**Roll Call Vote**: Mr. Montferrat, Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Searing, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot and Ms. Watkins. Ms. Jackson was absent. Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Montferrat asked if there were any changes to the November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

December 14, 2020

Planning Board

Motion made by Mayor Quattrone and seconded by Mr. Cabot to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes of the Regular Planning Board meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**: Mr. Montferrat, Mayor Quattrone, Mr. Misiura, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Searing, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Balcewicz, Mr. Cabot and Ms. Watkins. Ms. Jackson was absent. Motion passed 9-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Montferrat opened the floor for any public comments.

Pam Lewis introduced herself as the new Deputy Tax Collector for Hightstown Borough.

There being no further comments, Mr. Montferrat closed the public comment.

#### **New Business**

1) Mobility Study Proposed Amendment to Master Plan – Ms. Asselstine gave a brief overview of the project. This is the type of technical assistance and expertise that Hightstown has needed to tackle some of our ongoing traffic problems. Thanked our partners NJDOT, NV5 and Stokes Creative Group for all their assistance with this project. With the Coronavirus the community outreach process was more difficult. Also, dealing with students with this outreach. Will be presenting an overview and specific recommendations. Detailed recommendations and tough choices had to be made. Another grant DVRPC circulation study for the Redevelopment Area.

#### Project Team:

Bill Riviere, NJDOT Liaison to the project

Rachana Sheth, NV5 – Project Manager – leading the project from planning side and author of the documents.

Mike Dannemiller, NV5 – Principal Engineer

Rob Gates, NV5 – Instrumental in helping with the Plan.

Nicole Pace-Addeo, Stokes Creative Group – Public Outreach Activities

Community Advisory Board – engaged since the beginning of the project. Involved in the initial discussion identifying all the factors involved in the project. Wide range of business, local group/businesses and community were part of the Community Advisory Board.

Rachana Sheth gave an overview of the Plan.

Nicole Pace-Addeo – Outreach in Pandemic environment requires creativity:

#### Tools used:

Everything on Borough Website – great traffic Google form for people to provide input on the Vision Statement. Survey – Both in English and Spanish Wikimap – interactive tool – pin-point key locations and areas

#### Two virtual meetings in May and November

Visioning Workshop – May – 170 people viewed presentation: unique users 110. Public Information – November - 31 different people participated and 22 views.

Summary – key words from vision and goal survey – community, sidewalks, residents and walking – Themes safety, accessibility, recreation and regional connectivity

#### **Draft Vision Statement:**

Rachana Sheth reviewed the following:

Existing Conditions
Key Destinations
Field Visit
Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Network
Existing Problems
County Improvements
Priority Corridors
Network Links

#### **Priority Corridors:**

- a) Bank Street
- b) Summit Street
- c) East & West Ward Streets
- d) NJ Route 33/Franklin Street

Improvements that make bicycling easier and safer.

Mike Dannemiller – Engineering Recommendations/Priority Intersections

- a) NJ Route 33 & South Academy Street/W. Ward/Maxwell Ave.
- b) Maxwell & E. Ward St
- c) Stockton Street/Dutch Neck/Harron Ave.

Improvements that make walking easier and safer/some safety enhancements:

- a) Cross walks
- b) Curb ramps
- c) Curb extensions
- d) Traffic Islands center of road
- e) Signs/signals/countdown light
- f) Lighting
- g) Vertical elements to help visibility

#### Reviewed Proposed Concepts at Certain Intersections:

Academy and Ward Streets – additional crosswalks and center island. Maxwell and Franklin Streets – difficult to cross.

Ms. Sheth reviewed the next steps:

Adopt this Mobility Plan as part of the Borough's Master Plan Adopt the latest Complete and Green Street Models Pilot Projects/NJDOT Projects

Ms. Asselstine – received preliminary feedback from Mercer County regarding Stockton Street – prefer roundabout alternative to the traffic signal – (1) maintenance expense with traffic signal; (2) signal would potentially back up traffic to Route 130.

Mr. Montferrat thanked all the presenters and Ms. Asselstine for their detailed report on this project.

Mr. Misiura – Thanked the Department of Transportation and the consultants involved in this detailed project – great community input. Need to implement this plan.

Bill Riviere NJDOT informed the Board that these studies have an extensive shelf life and may be utilized at any time.

Mayor Quattrone thanked the entire team and hope to implement these ideas.

Motion made by Ms. Asselstine and seconded by Mayor Quattrone to forward the Mobility Plan to the Borough Council and schedule Public Hearing for the January 11, 2021, Planning Board Meeting to adopt the Mobility Study as an Amendment to the Master Plan.

All ayes.

Consensus of the Planning Board that the Mobility Study be forwarded to the Borough Council for their review and a Public Hearing will be scheduled for the January 11, 2021 Planning Board Meeting.

2) 2020-2021 Stormwater Ordinance Update – Ms. Roberts reviewed – The Borough maintains a Tier A MS4 New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Stormwater Permit and must remain in compliance each year. On March 2, 2020 the NJDEP informed the Borough that the Stormwater Management rules at NJAC 7:8 were amended, and this will require the Borough to update its Stormwater Control Ordinance in order to stay in compliance with the NJPDES Stormwater Permit. The proposed Stormwater Ordinance maintains the sections regarding review of private stormwater facilities as well as small scale developments which are issued zoning permits and do not appear before the Planning Board.

The new Stormwater Control Ordinance must be adopted and effective by March 3, 2021 at the latest. After the ordinance is adopted by the Borough, Mercer County must be given time to review it and to respond within 60 days.

Consensus of the Planning Board that the Stormwater Ordinance be amended and adopted as recommended by Ms. Roberts and be forwarded to the Borough Council for their action.

3) Road and sidewalk improvements for Spring Crest, Glen Brook, Taylor Avenue and Spruce Court – Ms. Roberts reviewed her memorandum dated November 24, 2020.

Consensus of the Planning Board to approve the proposed Road and Sidewalk Improvements as presented by Ms. Roberts and recommend concept #3 for the Taylor Street.

4) Resolution #2020-10 - Application #2016-01 - Windsor Property Associates, LLC - Site Plan Waiver, Block 48, Lot 31, Office Retail Project in Corridor Revitalization Zone in East Windsor

Ms. Maziarz reviewed the proposed resolution.

Motion made by Ms. Asselstine and seconded by Mr. Balcewicz to approve Resolution 2020-10 – Application #2016-01 – Windsor Property Associates, LLC approving the Site Plan Waiver.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Montferrat, Mayor Quattrone, Ms. Asselstine, Mr. Searing, Mr. Laudenberger, Mr. Balcewicz and Mr. Cabot voted yes. Ms. Jackson was absent. Mr. Misiura and Ms. Watkins were not eligible to vote. Motion passed 7-0.

Committee & Professional Reports

Ms. Roberts – Start engineering work for improvements to Railroad Avenue and Summit. Received \$500,000 through DOT for Hauser Avenue, Bennet Place and Prospect Drive late next year.

Board and Committee Reports

**Board Members** 

Mr. Misiura reported that Mercer County approved the PRC LLC Site Plan Application with the following conditions:

- 1) Traffic Study be conducted.
- 2) Surety Bond in the amount of \$50,000 to provide for traffic and transportation improvements relating to the development project.

Ms. Asselstine added that the County Planner sent a Public Information Center link from the NJDOT regarding redesign of the Cranbury Circle and Brickyard Road. Ms. Asselstine will share the link with Board Members.

Mayor Quattrone thanked the Planning Board members for their service, especially during the pandemic. The Council Reorganization will be held during the first Council Meeting scheduled for January 4, 2021.

There being no further business Mr. Montferrat asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Searing and seconded Ms. Watkins. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH
MOBILITY MASTER PLAN

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**









# **OVERVIEW**

In 2019, the Borough of Hightstown was selected to participate in the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs Local Technical Assistance Program. The goal of the program is to foster the development of active transportation in communities throughout New Jersey by providing technical assistance and professional services to municipalities. This plan builds upon past efforts within the Borough to create an integrated and connected multi-modal transportation network that provides safe and accessible bicycle and walking facilities for people of all ages and abilities. To achieve the vision of a safe, accessible and complete transportation network, the plan will:

- · Develop and build consensus for a Community Vision for bicycling and walking in Hightstown
- Evaluate the Borough's bicycle and pedestrian network, identify needs and opportunities focusing on access to key destinations and the central business district
- Identify a Priority Bicycle and Pedestrian Network, including both on- and off-road opportunities
- Develop typical improvement Concepts, focused on major linkages to the central business district and travel along and across State Route 33 and major county roads



In 2014, the Borough adopted a Complete Streets Policy to further support the development of safe streets for everyone. This plan incorporates the recently completed Mercer County Bicycle Plan recommendations for Hightstown and hopes to complement that plan.

The recommendations in this plan are developed at the planning level and per the most current design standards. Advancing these recommendations will require detailed analysis, community consensus, plan development, preliminary and final design and right-of-way assessment.

# **VISION & GOALS**

A vision statement and goals were developed for the Hightstown Mobility Master Plan. They were developed through a community-wide outreach effort. The vision for the Hightstown Mobility Master Plan is below:

Hightstown Borough is a community with a multi-modal network for all users that provides safe choices for walking, bicycling, public transit, and recreation. The Borough has a complete sidewalk and bicycle network to access key destinations within the Borough such as the downtown, schools, parks/greenways and commercial areas and has a robust network of trails for local and regional connectivity.



Goals help identify what needs to be accomplished to realize the overall vision. Four goals were identified by the community for the Mobility Master Plan:



# SAFETY

Develop a safe and continuous bicycle and pedestrian network



# ACCESSIBILITY

Improve access and mobility for people of all ages and abilities to connect to local destinations



# RECREATION

Provide recreation options to encourage walking and bicycling in Hightstown Borough



# REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Improve connectivity to/with adjacent communities

# **PLAN ORGANIZATION**

This report is organized into seven chapters as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Existing Conditions & Evaluation

Chapter 3: Outreach Summary

Chapter 4: Recommendations

Chapter 5: Design Guidelines

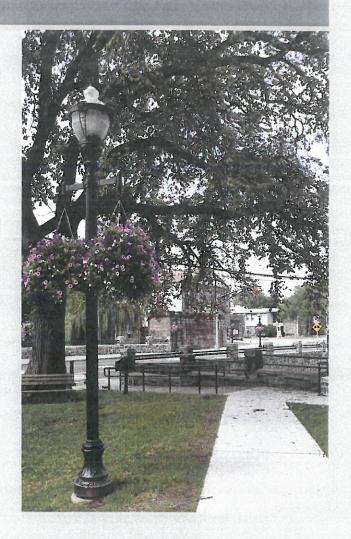
Chapter 6: Implementation & Funding

Chapter 7: Next Steps

# STUDY AREA

Hightstown Borough is a 2.1 square mile municipality located in eastern Mercer County, New Jersey. The community was settled in the mid-1700's and underwent a period of sustained growth and prosperity during the 19th century as a vital transportation hub along the Camden and Amboy Railroad. Hightstown is home to many historic homes and properties from this era that contribute to the character of the community.

Hightstown boasts of a well-connected and lively downtown central business district with a number of local businesses, restaurants, and attractions centered around Peddie Lake.





# **COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**

The Community Advisory Board guided the project team throughout the development of this plan. The project team facilitated two community advisory board meetings including the kick-off meeting, and a network and concepts review meeting. The Community Advisory Board members are listed on page iii of this plan.





















# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The project team developed a multi-prong approach to involve the community in developing the plan. To engage the public, the project team developed project flyers and outreach tools/materials that were posted on the Borough's Complete Streets Committee webpage.

The following outreach tools were utilized and two public meetings and two community advisory board meetings were conducted throughout the project:

- · Community Advisory Board Kick-Off Meeting
- Visioning Workshop (virtual)
- Vision and Goals Survey
- Wikimapping
- Community Survey (Online and paper)
- Concept Review Community Advisory Board Meeting (virtual)
- Public Information Center (virtual)

The input from the community helped develop the plan and was supplemented by the existing conditions analysis and evaluation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project team employed innovative methods to engage the public including a "Virtual Visioning Workshop" that provided opportunities for the community to participate virtually and provided in-person opportunities with safety protocols to those unable to participate virtually.

The project team presented draft concepts and a draft network to the Community Advisory Board that were refined based on input received. The preliminary concepts were presented to the public at a "Virtual" Public Information Center.

# PUBLIC WEETINGS





# VIRTUAL VISIONING WORKSHOP

PEOPLE LOADED/ WATCHED VIDEO

NUMBER OF ASSINGLE DAY





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

# WIKIMAPPING

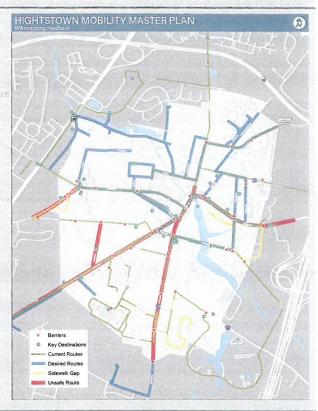
Total Number of Comments:

# Responses by Category Type



**KEY TAKEAWAYS** 

The majority of the current walking/biking routes identified are located in the southern portion of the borough whereas, most "Desired Routes" are in the north with a fair amount within the downtown area. Routes marked as "Unsafe" were primarily located in the southern portion of the borough most notably RT 33 (Mercer Street), CR-539 (South Main Street), Dutch Neck Road, and Summit Street.



# **COMMUNITY SURVEY**



DO YOU WALK OR BIKE IN HIGHTOWN?



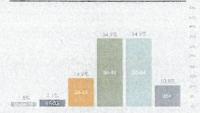
Respondent's Connection to Hightstown



TOP-5 DESIRED

# Age of Survey Respondents









- **IMPROVEMENTS** Incomplete sidewalk network
  - 2. Streets feel unsafe for cycling
  - 3. Lack of crosswolks and crossings feel unsafe
  - 4. Lack of adequate bicycle facilities



How connected/walkable/bikeable are the following types of destinations from your home?



#### 4. Off-road/protected bicycle facilities 5. Curb extensions (or other traffic caiming measures) to slow vehicular traffic

2. Continuous sidewalk network 3. On-road bicycle facilities



# **EXISTING CONDITIONS AND EVALUATION**

The project team conducted an assessment of the existing conditions which included a demographic profile of Hightstown, existing bicycle and pedestrian environment, crash data analysis, a list of key destinations, review of related plans and studies, field visits and a summary of findings.

Based on the results of the data collection efforts, field visits, and stakeholder input, the project team identified initial focus areas (corridors and intersections) to be analyzed. The Complete Streets Committee provided feedback on the initial focus areas and recommended priority corridors and intersections for this plan.

# **PRIORITY CORRIDORS**

Bicycle facility recommendations for the priority corridors were identified based on the available roadway width, speed, and traffic volume data. These will require additional design and analysis prior to implementation. Improvements along key county roadways identified by the Mercer County Bicycle Plan were incorporated into the overall bicycle and pedestrian network.

The bicycle improvements identified for the priority corridors include shared lane markings, bicycle lanes (striped and buffered), advisory bicycle lanes and shared use paths.

The following priority corridors were evaluated further and the project team developed recommendations to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment for all users:

- NJ Route 33 / Mercer Street / Franklin Street
- Summit Street
- East and West Ward Street
- · Bank Street

# **PRIORITY INTERSECTIONS**

The intersection improvements shown on the following pages provide planning level concepts that will require additional design and analysis prior to implementation. The improvements focus primarily on low-cost and easy to implement strategies. In locations where improvements are expensive and are longer term, an alternate low-cost option has been provided.

The following intersections were prioritized because they link key destinations, have multiple crashes, were identified during field investigation, and prioritized based on the stakeholder input from the WikiMap, community survey and the Complete Streets Committee.

- NJ Route 33/Mercer Street. West Ward Street & S. Academy Street
- NJ 33/Franklin Street and Maxwell Avenue
- Maxwell Avenue and East Ward Street
- · Stockton Street, Oak Lane, Dutch Neck Road, Harron Avenue near the elementary schools

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the latest design guidance from NJDOT, National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the team developed concept level recommendations for each of the priority corridors and intersections to improve the walking and bicycling environment. The recommendations primarily focus on routes and intersections that connect key bicycle and pedestrian destinations. A borough-wide bicycle and pedestrian network was also identified, for future consideration outside of this Mobility Master Plan effort, that will build on the existing (and planned) network of greenways and trails with additional network links along key routes (See Map 16: Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Network).





The recommendations are categorized into engineering recommendations or physical infrastructure improvements and programmatic recommendations that include the four "E"s (Education, Evaluation/Planning, Encouragement and Enforcement) measures recommended for the Mobility Master Plan. When implemented together, these measures will improve the travel for users of all ages and abilities in the Borough.

Engineering recommendations include built environment concepts that can be considered for future final design and construction to enhance and expand the existing Hightstown infrastructure.

Programmatic recommendations include strategies that aim to educate all users, foster a safe walking and bicycling culture and measure progress related to the bicycling and walking environment. The programmatic recommendations include educational programs, speeding campaigns, training programs, bicycling programs and events, evaluation metrics and policies.

# PROPOSED BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

The compact size of Hightstown makes it an excellent candidate for bicycling and walking to key destinations within the Borough. There already exists off-road greenway/paths in the Borough and there are several planned/existing bicycle improvements on County Roads per the recently completed Bicycle Master Plan. This network of greenway/paths and the recent County Road improvements provides opportunity to develop a borough-wide network that provides bicycle and pedestrian access to the key destinations in the Borough.

Based on the team's analysis of existing roadway network and the DVRPC's Bicycle Level of Stress analysis, the project team identified additional links that could provide a complete bicycle and pedestrian network within and around the Borough. (See Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Map).

# **DESIGN GUIDANCE**

The report also includes design guidelines from the latest guidance from the NJDOT Complete Streets Design Guide. The recommendations of this plan are supplemented by a set of design guidelines containing descriptions and illustrations of all the recommended design treatments. All facilities that are developed need to be MUTCD and AASHTO compliant. In addition, all recommendations should incorporate the guidance and recommended treatments in the 2020 Mercer County Bicycle Plan. Design Guidance is developed for the following improvements:

ROADWAY	// CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
Sidewalks ar	nd Curb Ramps
Pedestrian-S	icale Lighting
Parklets	
Mid-Block C	rossings
Gateways	
INTERSECT	TION IMPROVEMENTS
Crosswalks	
Mini-Traffic	Circles
Curb Extens	ions
Pedestrian R	Refuge Islands
RRFB (Flashi	ng warning lights)
In-Street Cro	ossing Sign
HAWK Signa	ls \
Pedestrian C	Countdown Signals
BICYCLE NE	TWORK IMPROVEMENTS
Shared Lane	S
Traditional B	Bicycle Lanes
Protected Bi	icycle Lanes
Shared Use	Paths / /
Advisory Bio	cycle Lanes



# **IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX**

An implementation matrix that describes the overall level of effort, estimated costs, responsibility and timeframe for the priority intersection concepts was developed for the Mobility Master Plan. The implementation table should be utilized in conjunction with the Typical Units Costs Matrix (Appendix B), which includes an average unit cost for facility types.

# **FUNDING SOURCES**

The plan also includes a general compilation of funding sources that have been, or could be used to fund improvements in Hightstown Borough. The list is not exhaustive, but identifies a selection of federal, state, and private/non-profit funding sources for pedestrian and bicycle planning, project development, and construction. For each source, links are provided to program websites that contain additional information related to: how to apply for funding, typical grant amounts, application deadlines, and eligible activities. Some funding sources may also be used to fund programmatic activities, related to safety, enforcement, and education.

# **NEXT STEPS**

The recommendations in this plan include engineering, education, evaluation, encouragement and enforcement strategies to improve the walking and bicycling conditions in the Borough. The Borough should first focus on the priority corridors and intersections in conjunction with NJDOT and Mercer County, then work towards the rest of the recommended network and any other locations throughout the Borough.

The following actions can be undertaken to implement the recommendations of this plan:

- Adopt the plan as an element of the Master Plan
- Develop initial concepts of the recommendations in the plan based on more detailed data collection, analysis, survey, community preference and coordination with Mercer County and NJDOT where needed. Consider conducting "pilot" projects / temporary installations to test recommendations and gather community feedback
- Obtain funding for the recommendations
- Adopt the latest Complete & Green Street Model policy
- Develop and adopt a community-focused traffic calming policy
- Advance recommendations on state roadways in this plan as problem statements prepared in coordination with NJDOT and DVRPC
- Provide a status update to NJDOT within a year of adoption of the plan



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> 0810M November 25, 2020

Ms. Sandy Belan, Secretary Hightstown Borough Planning Board 156 Bank Street Hightstown, NJ 08520

Re:

East Windsor Regional School District - Hightstown High School

Capital Project - Summer 2021

New Tennis Courts

Planning Board Capital Project Review

Dear Ms. Belan:

As per our conversation on November 12, 2020, I am hereby submitting to the Hightstown Borough Planning Board a set of Site Plans in electronic (Adobe pdf) format for a summer 2021 site construction project that is planned at the Hightstown High School. These plans are being submitted on behalf of the East Windsor Regional School District in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55 D31(a), which requires public school districts to submit capital projects to the local planning board for review and commentary. The project includes the following scope of work:

#### **New High School Tennis Courts:**

This project includes the construction of 6 new high school competition tennis courts in an open lawn area near Leshin Lane. These courts are intended to replace the high school's existing tennis courts that are located at the western side of the school campus. The courts will be used as part of the physical education curriculum at the high school, and for interscholastic sports. This new location will be more accessible to the school's students, general public, and proximity to vehicular parking stalls. A new barrier free (ADA) path between the school and tennis courts is also proposed, making the new courts completely handicapped accessible. The project includes grading and minor drainage improvements, along with a new storm water management system that has been designed to comply with stringent Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission regulations and Mercer Soil Conservation District (NRCS) requirements. The increase in impervious coverage is only 42,450 square feet (0.97 Acres), which is defined as a minor project according to Chapter 25 of the Hightstown Borough storm water management ordinance.

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As we discussed, the planning board hearing will be held "virtually" during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We would like for this project to be scheduled for the first available hearing in January, which may be held on January 11, 2021. Kindly confirm the availability of this date at your earliest convenience.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with this request and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please let me know if you require anything further prior to the hearing.

Sincerely,

William B. Edwards, PE

William B Edwards

President

xc:

Paul Todd, EWRSD

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Enclosures: Sent electronically with drawings in Adobe pdf format

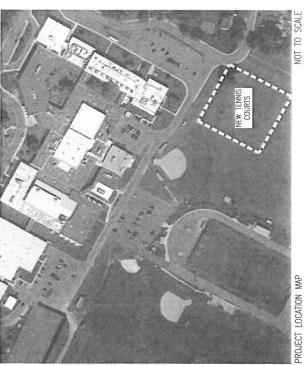
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KEY MAP

# **NEW TENNIS COURTS & SITE WORK** HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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# EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 25A LESHIN LANE, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ



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EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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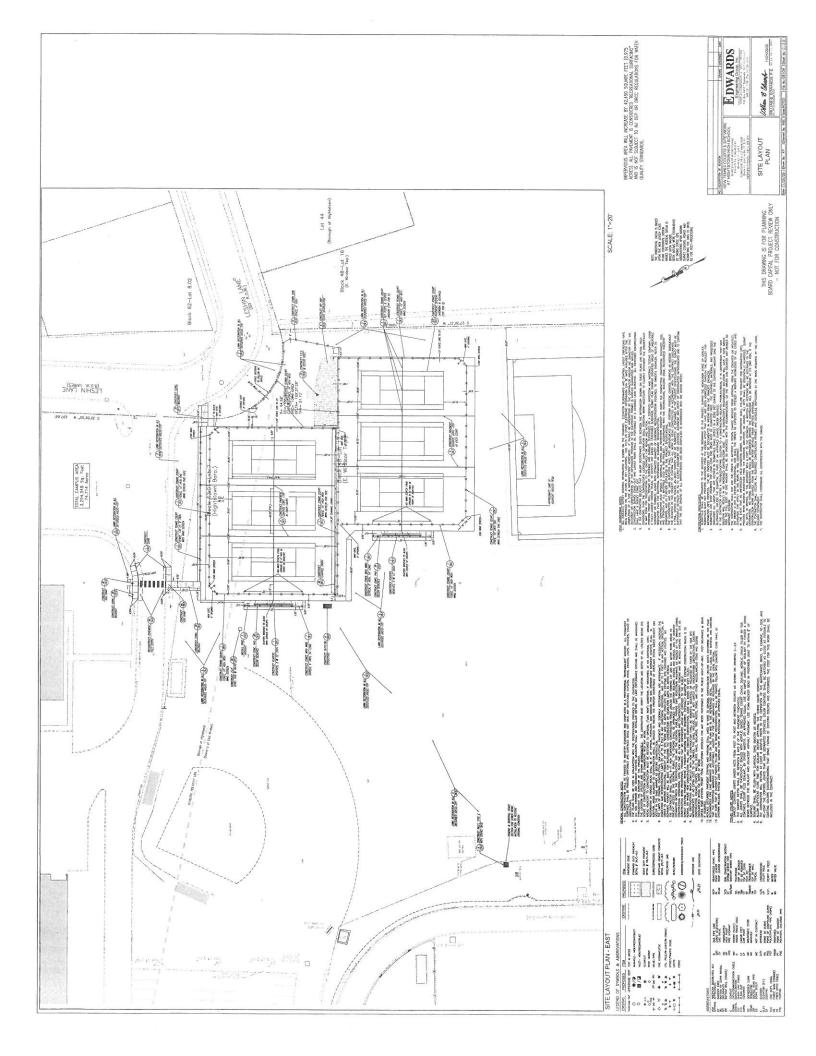
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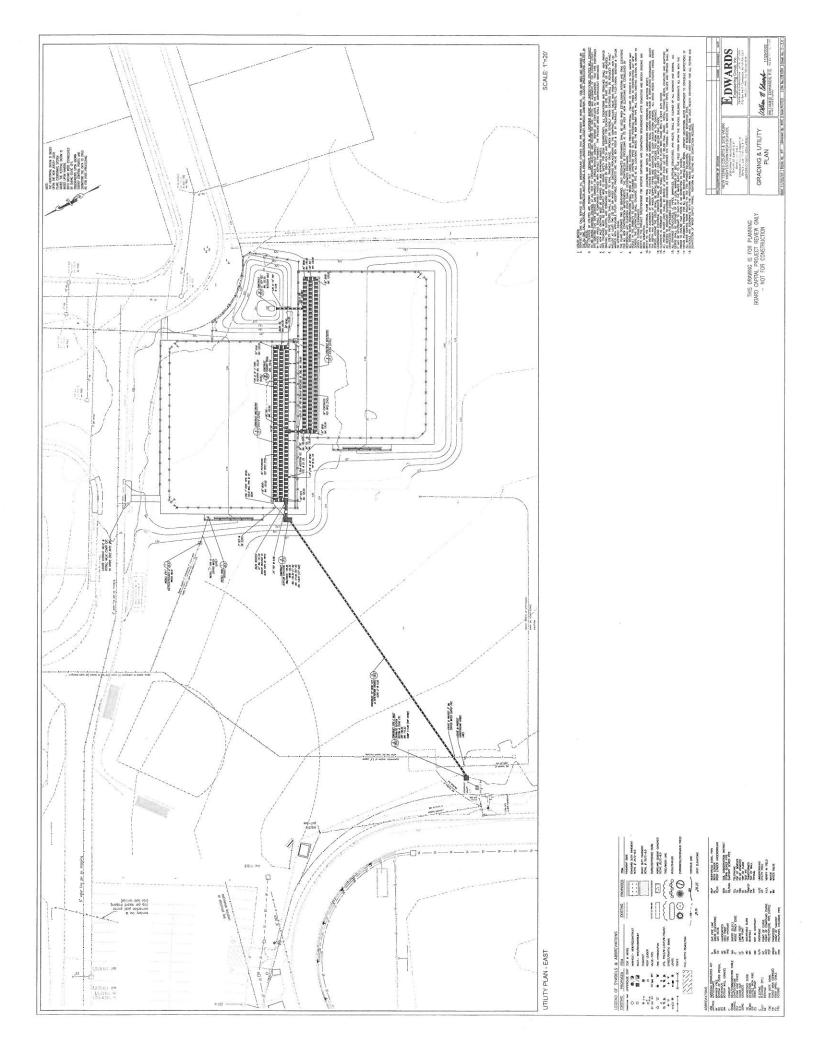
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November 30, 2020

Sandy Belan, Planning Board Secretary Hightstown Planning Board Borough of Hightstown 156 Bank Street Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Re.

Hightstown High School – New Tennis Courts Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey

Our File No.: H1759

Dear Sandy:

Roberts Engineering Group, LLC has received and reviewed the following:

- 1. One cover letter submitted by Edwards Engineering Group, Inc dated November 25, 2020 which summarizes the above referenced improvements at the Hightstown High School.
- 2. One partial set of plans entitled, "New Tennis Courts and Site Work at Hightstown High School, Borough of Hightstown, Block 61.01 Lots 46 and 47, Block 62.01 Lot 7, Township of East Windsor, Block 48 Lots 16.01, 17, and 19, Mercer County, New Jersey, dated November 25, 2020." The set consists of plan sheets C-0.0, C-1.0, C-2.0, and C-3.0.

We offer the following comments:

- 1. The plans appear to reference construction details. However, details are not shown on the provided plan sheets. Please provide a full set of plans.
- 2. The cover letter and plans indicated that impervious coverage is increased by 42,450 sq. ft. (0.97 ac) and is defined as a minor project per Chapter 25 of the Borough Ordinances.

However, Chapter 25 of the Borough ordinances define a major project as:

Any new development and/or redevelopment which meets the definition of "major development" under state law, in N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2 (Definitions), i.e. one-quarter acre of new impervious cover and/or one acre of disturbance, shall be required to comply with the non-structural point system and/or the construction of structural stormwater management measures, as specified in Section 25-4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.

As the proposed improvements create more than 0.25 ac. of new impervious surface, please provide all items as required by Borough Ordinance Section 25-4.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Carmela Roberts, P.E., CME

Borough Engineer

cc:

Hightstown Planning Board Members
Debra Sopronyi, RMC, CMR, QPA, Borough Administrator/Clerk
Jolanta Maziarz, Esquire, Planning Board Attorney
Brian Slaugh, PP, AICP, Clark, Canton, Hintz, Planning Board Planner
Cameron Corini, PE, CME, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2021

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the meetings of the Planning Board for 2021 and for the first meeting in 2022 will be held virtually via www.freeconferencecall.com.

Members of the public may attend and participate during the public participation portion of the meeting by phone or computer as follows:

#### To access from your telephone

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5000

Access code: 845506#

To access from your computer

Online meeting ID: hightstownborough

www.freeconferencecall.com

Join the online meeting: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/hightstownborough

All relevant documents for scheduled meetings will be made available prior to the meeting at www.hightstownborough.com.

#### 2021

Monday	February 8, 2021
Monday	March 8, 2021
Monday	April 12, 2021
Monday	May 10, 2021
Monday	June 14, 2021
Monday	July 12, 2021
Monday	August 9, 2021
Monday	September 13, 2021
Tuesday	October 12, 2021
Monday	November 8, 2021
Monday	December 13, 2021

Monday

January 10, 2022

# CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify	the foregoing to be a true	copy of a resolution a	adopted by the Planning	Board at a meeting
held on January	11, 2021.			

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### **DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the *Trenton Times* and the Princeton Packet (formerly referred to as the *Windsor-Hights Herald*) are hereby designated as the official newspapers for the year 2021.

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BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a Planning Board Secretary for the Borough of Hightstown Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Planning Board to appoint Sandra S. Belan to this position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Sandra S. Belan is hereby appointed as Planning Board Secretary for the year 2021 at the rate of \$26.00 per hour.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.
- 4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2021 budget, where funds are being made available.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for engineering services for the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, and

WHEREAS, Carmela Roberts, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC has served in the previous years as both the Borough Engineer and the Planning Board Engineer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board desires the continued services of Ms. Roberts for the 2021 year as the Planning Board Engineer as stated in her "Hourly Fee Schedule" previously approved by Borough Council.

**WHEREAS**, this contract is awarded as a "fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Carmela Roberts is hereby appointed Planning Board Engineer for the 2021 year.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.
- 4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2021 budget, where funds are being made available.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES – LAW OFFICE OF JOLANTA MAZIARZ LLC

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for specialized legal services for the Planning Board during 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Planning Board to appoint Jolanta Maziarz, Esq., Law Office of Jolanta Maziarz LLC, Warren, New Jersey, as Planning Board Attorney for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for the proposed services shall be as stated in the "2021 Hourly Fee Schedule" as approved by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2021 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the 2021 calendar year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a "fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown that the Planning Board Chairman is authorized to execute and the Planning Board Secretary to attest an agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Law Office of Jolanta Maziarz LLC, for professional legal services for the year 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. The Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with Jolanta Maziarz, Law Office of Jolanta Maziarz LLC, 79 Mount Horeb Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059.
- 2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)) as a contract for services to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution and Contract shall be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.
- 4. Notice of Adoption of this Resolution should be published in an official Borough newspaper.

# CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true	copy of a resolution	adopted by the	Planning Board	at a
meeting held on January 11, 2021.				

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Legal Services – Planning Board

**THIS AGREEMENT,** made this 11th day of January 2021, by and between the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Planning Board, and Jolanta Maziarz, Esq., Law Office of Jolanta Maziarz LLC, 79 Horeb Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requires the services of an Attorney at Law of New Jersey to serve in the capacity of Planning Board Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has authorized the appointment of Jolanta Maziarz, Jolanta Maziarz, Esq., Law Office of Jolanta Maziarz LLC, 79 Horeb Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059, to serve as Planning Board Attorney during the Calendar Year 2021 as memorialized by adoption of Resolution 2021-05.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT HEREBY AGREED** by the Planning Board and the Attorney that the Attorney will perform legal services for the Board and the Board will compensate the Attorney for such legal services as follows:

1.	Attendance at all Planning Board meetings and work sessions	\$450.00 per meeting
2.	All other legal services, including court time	\$140.00 per hour
3.	Paralegal	\$60.00 per hour
4.	Clerical	\$15.00 per hour
5.	Any out-of-pocket disbursements	actual cost

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board and the Attorney have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Attest by:	Hightstown Planning Board
Sandra Belan, Secretary Planning Board	Fred Montferrat, Chairman Planning Board
	Jolanta Maziarz, Attorney

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES – BRIAN M. SLAUGH

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need for specialized planning services for the Planning Board during 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Planning Board to appoint Brian M. Slaugh, PP, AICP of the firm Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey, as Planning Board Planner for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2021 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a "fair and open contract" pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

- 1. Brian M. Slaugh is hereby appointed Planning Board Planner for the 2021 year.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be published once in an official newspaper of the Borough as required by law.
- 4. This Resolution is contingent upon the provision of funding in the Borough's 2021 budget, where funds are being made available.

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