TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2024-045

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users is a priority of the Township of Verona; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all roadway users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can provide many benefits, including:

- Improved safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free,
- Improved access to employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities,
- Local economic vitality,
- Access to the health benefits of physical activity,
- Improved stormwater management, and
- Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, when streets are not complete, the negative impacts on public health, safety, equity, the economy and the environment are disproportionately borne by low-income and minority communities.

WHEREAS, through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's FY2024 *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program,* Sustainable Jersey will coordinate and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University will provide planning-level technical assistance services to municipalities for a specific project related to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in their communities; and

WHEREAS, although no direct funding is provided, selected municipalities will receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in their communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona authorizes the Township Manager to submit an application to the *Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program* to receive free direct technical assistance services to complete a specific task related to advancing Complete Streets, and also commits pertinent municipal staff to coordinate and collaborate with Sustainable Jersey, Voorhees Transportation Center and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to support the successful and timely delivery of technical assistance services.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024.

URAAN ENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

