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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, on or about May 2, 1991 the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) redesignated a Desirable Typical Section (DTS) of Route 4 in Teaneck to be "6A", which is the same classification recommended by DOT in 1982 and which the Township opposed by Resolution No. 285-84; and

WHEREAS, the 6A designation, which is a six-lane highway which has 12-foot lane widths, two 12-foot shoulders, a 22-foot median and two 15-foot sidewalks requiring potentially a 148-foot right-of-way, is entirely unacceptable because it sacrifices significant portions of the highway greenbelt to accommodate an excessively wide median, unnecessary shoulders, sidewalks and lane widths; and

WHEREAS, a "modified 6B" DTS classification which excludes shoulders and sidewalks and has an 8-foot maximum median and six 11-foot traffic lanes, is an alternative classification which better accommodates Teaneck's historical interest in preserving the highway greenbelt;

WHEREAS, the existing right-of-way is approximately 100 foot in width and contains a highway section (curb to curb) which is today about 74 feet in width and contains also a greenbelt buffer which is today approximately 26 feet in width and which together with public parklands that border the highway are identified as the Teaneck Greenbelt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck does hereby continue to oppose a 6A DTS classification for the Route 4 corridor in Teaneck, for the following reasons:

1. Since the highway was constructed in 1931-32, the Township has preserved the Route 4 greenbelt for its intrinsic beauty and to symbolize Teaneck's self-image as a residential community which safeguards against commercial exploitation of its open space. The 1933 Master Plan and succeeding planning and zoning have adhered to this principle and reaffirmed this objective.

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2. Highway shoulders, sidewalks, excessive lane and median widths should be dispensed with in order to preserve the greenbelt. The publicly-owned greenbelt permits disabled vehicles to be temporarily positioned off the highway right-of-way for emergency service, with highway access afforded at close intervals at River Road, N. Wilson Avenue and S. Wilson Avenue, Belle Avenue, Queen Anne Road, Teaneck Road, Webster Avenue and Decatur Avenue.

3. The widening of Route 4 to occupy a full 100-width of the existing right-of-way to accommodate six lanes, and two shoulder lanes with an 8-foot median and even with no sidewalks, would effectively destroy the historic Teaneck Greenbelt.

4. Consistent with its concern for the preservation of the Teaneck Greenbelt, Teaneck would not object to a classification that permitted no greater than six uninterrupted lanes of traffic in those portions of Hackensack and Englewood that are in close proximity to Teaneck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded forthwith to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development, the City of Hackensack and the City of Englewood.

Prepared by Legal MBK

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by