

## Resolution of Support and Engagement

**WHEREAS, the broad Route 1 and Route 206 corridor from Trenton east to New Brunswick and north to Montgomery is a corridor of critical economic importance to the State of New Jersey; and**

**WHEREAS, Princeton, New Jersey is located within the broad Route 1 and Route 206 corridor; and**

**WHEREAS, past and current land use, economic development and transportation investment policies and fragmented decision-making in the corridor have led to a variety of conditions, including: limited travel options, unacceptable levels of congestion, decreased mobility, decreasing marketability of commercial properties; lack of housing choice and high housing costs, increased vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions, continued loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and**

**WHEREAS, since 2005 a group of regional stakeholders, including municipal, county and state agency officials and representatives from the private sector have participated in the *Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy* planning process designed to identify shared regional planning principals, desired growth outcomes and an integrated land use and transportation vision for the corridor in order to chart a course for a prosperous and sustainable future; and**

**WHEREAS, those participating in the planning process have agreed that well planned and better coordinated land use, economic development and transportation investment decisions can provide for more sustainable outcomes, including; more walk-able, bike-able, and transit-friendly communities; greater travel choice; efficient and effective transportation; reduce demand for automobile travel; redevelopment of abandoned and underutilized properties; growing and competitive businesses with good jobs and a strong future; a diversity of housing options located near jobs; enhanced environment and natural resources; fiscal balance and equity; and an even higher quality of life than the region enjoys today; and**

**WHEREAS, those participating in the planning process have also agreed by general consensus on the need for strategic transportation investments linked to identified growth centers and nodes throughout the region; and**

**WHEREAS, implementation of the vision will require a sustained and long-term commitment to cooperative action.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Princeton agree to support actions as appropriate to our body in the following four categories:**

- **Planning, Zoning and Economic Development – Municipalities shall consider revisions to their planning documents, particularly their master plan and zoning ordinance, to allow and promote mixed- use centers.**

- **Transportation Project Development and Investment – Public agencies, particularly on the state level, will identify funding to design and construct agreed-upon transportation projects. The regional stakeholders shall consider the vision of the Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy to identify and build consensus for specific projects.**
- **Public Engagement, Education and Influence – Civic leaders at all levels need to engage and educate decision-makers and citizens about the benefits of well-planned and coordinated land-use, economic development and transportation investment decisions.**
- **Coordinated Decision-Making – Local and state agencies will strive to attain coordinated and consistent decision-making in support of more sustainable outcomes for the Route 1 and Route 206 corridor in terms of an ongoing high quality of life in communities, efficient and effective transportation, enhanced environmental quality, and growing and competitive businesses.**

**I, Linda S. McDermott, Clerk of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at its meeting held May 12, 2014.**

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**Linda S. McDermott, Clerk**