BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 14-293

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NJDOT TO EVALUATE THE NEED FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 35/RIVERSIDE AVENUE AND BODMAN PLACE

Councilman Murphy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank (the "Borough") is desirous of having the New Jersey Department of Transportation (" NJDOT") evaluate the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of State Highway 35/Riverside Avenue and Bodman Place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has for many years experienced pedestrian safety issues along Riverside Avenue, which is populated by numerous multi-family, garden apartment, and town house complexes, several high rise residential buildings, office buildings, busy shops, several restaurants and two hotels. The intersection at Bodman Place is on a bend and is extremely wide resulting in high speeds. The resident complexes and high rises have a large senior citizen population who frequently attempt to cross the four lanes of fast moving traffic on Riverside Avenue without signal protection, and;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Bodman Place and State Highway 35 is located on a curved portion of Highway 35 that is heavily travelled and on which vehicles travel at high speeds. Due to the heavy volume of traffic, and the speed at which the vehicles are traveling in or about this intersection, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for traffic exiting from Bodman Place to make the left turn on to Highway 35. As a result, traffic backs up on Bodman Place when vehicles cannot make the left turn on to Highway 35; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also believes that a traffic light at Bodman Place/Highway 35 intersection will have the added benefit of providing a traffic calming effect on Highway 35/Riverside Avenue   that will improve pedestrian safety along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a traffic signal at Bodman Place and Highway 35 has the support and recommendation of the Traffic Safety Division of the Borough's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, for all of the foregoing reasons, the Borough requests that   the NJDOT give consideration to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bodman Place and Highway 35/Riverside Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank as follows:

1. The governing body of the Borough of Red Bank hereby requests that NJDOT work with the Borough's Engineer and any other Borough representatives in evaluating the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of State Highway 35/Riverside Avenue and Bodman Place.

2. The Borough of Red Bank agrees that, pursuant to New Jersey Department of Transportation Policy 346, it will commit to contributing 25% of all construction costs resulting from the approved design for the traffic signal improvements at the Bodman Place and Highway 35/Riverside Avenue intersection.   It is understood that the Borough will have an opportunity to concur with the recommended improvements and will be advised of the approximate amount of the 25% cost share prior to entering into any agreement. The Borough will also reserve the

right to withdraw from any proposed project (and therefore incur no costs) if the recommendations are deemed unsatisfactory to the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Seconded by Councilman Zipprich and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Lewis	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Councilman DuPont	(x)	( )	( )	( )

Dated: November 5, 2014