

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 14-335

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NJDOT TO EVALUATE THE NEED
FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT STATE HIGHWAY 35/RIVERSIDE AVENUE
AND VETERAN'S PARK**

Councilman DuPont 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 mid-block pedestrian crossing on State Highway 35/Riverside Avenue between West Front Street and Allen Place at Veteran's Park; 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. Highway 35 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, due to the heavy volume of traffic, and the speed at which the vehicles are traveling on Highway 35, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to cross the Highway at Veteran's Park which is the shortest path to the nearby shopping center; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also believes that a pedestrian friendly crosswalk 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 pedestrian friendly crosswalk 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 pedestrian friendly mid-block crosswalk on Highway 35/Riverside Avenue at Veteran's Park;

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 crosswalk on State Highway 35/Riverside Avenue at the north end of Veteran's Park.

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 pedestrian safety crosswalk improvements on Highway 35/Riverside Avenue at Veteran's Park. 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 Councilwoman Burnham 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: December 17, 2014