

RESOLUTION 2019-192
SUPPORTING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
ROUTE 130 AND CEDAR LANE IN FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Florence (“Township”) along with the elected officials and professionals of County of Burlington, the City of Burlington, the Township of Burlington and the State of New Jersey through the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) have engaged in efforts to develop solutions for the growing traffic congestion and circulation issues occurring in an area of Burlington County identified as the Northern Route 130 Region (“Region”), which is centered principally along US Route 130 and is served by Exit 6A of the New Jersey Turnpike as well as positioned in the vicinity of Interchange 52 of Interstate 295; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Engineer and his staff and the Director of Economic Development and Regional Planning (“EDRP”) of the Burlington County Bridge Commission and his staff have worked closely with the state and the above mentioned municipalities to develop specific solutions to the traffic congestion and circulation issues in the Region; and

WHEREAS, during the planning process with the municipalities, the intersection of US Route 130 and Cedar Lane (“CR 659”) was identified as a location needing significant improvements to address traffic congestion and circulation and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, meetings with staff of the NJDOT, Florence Township, the Burlington County Engineer and EDRP resulted in the agreed solution of eliminating the existing jughandle at the intersection of northbound US Route 130 and CR 659 and replacing it with a roundabout constructed about 560 feet south of the intersection along CR 659; and

WHEREAS, a Developer (“**Florence Associates, LLC**”) has agreed to develop the parcel of land located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of northbound US Route 130 and CR 659 with a development consisting of multifamily housing which will address a portion of Florence Township’s affordable housing obligation and a hotel, and to remove the existing jughandle and construct the roundabout; and

WHEREAS, meetings held at NJDOT with **Florence Associates, LLC** and staff of Florence Township, the Burlington County Engineer and EDRP revealed that eliminating the jughandle and transferring the lands underlying the jughandle to **Florence Associates, LLC** for the construction of the roundabout involves an NJDOT process to declare the lands as Excess Lands, and that NJDOT would seek a resolution of support of this matter from the Township; and

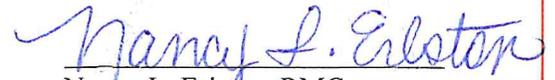
WHEREAS, the Township finds the elimination of the jughandle at the intersection of northbound US Route 130 and CR 659 and its replacement with a roundabout, will be beneficial to the travelling public in the Township and Burlington County and the implementation of these improvements correlates with the study efforts undertaken by the aforementioned parties and the participating municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Township supports the aforementioned changes to the intersection of northbound US Route 130 and CR 659, and NJDOT declaring the lands underlying the jughandle as Excess Lands and transferring the lands to **Florence Associates, LLC** in order to make the necessary highway improvements for the elimination of the jughandle and the construction of a new roundabout.

2. The Council authorizes the Township Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to NJDOT.

I, NANCY L. ERLSTON, CLERK of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their November 6, 2019 meeting.


Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

Note: This resolution declares support for traffic improvements at Route 130 and Cedar Lane.