

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2004, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority announced plans to expand the existing drive isles and create new truck and car lanes through portions of the New Jersey Turnpike that traverse Bordentown Township, Burlington County; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bordentown opposes any proposal that will expand the New Jersey Turnpike in our community; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has demonstrated in the past an unwillingness to address environmental and quality of life concerns of Bordentown Township in the planning and execution of road improvements and sound barriers; and

WHEREAS, Bordentown Township will be greatly diminished and irreparably impacted by increased noise, errant light, air pollution, vehicle vibration and traffic as a direct result of any turnpike expansion project; and

WHEREAS, Bordentown Township open space will be negatively impacted, directly and indirectly, as a result of proposed turnpike expansion encroaching into existing gas, telephone, electric transmission and other utility easements relocated onto land publicly purchased for recreation, open space and farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, the expansion will increase truck access onto a network of local secondary routes that cannot currently safely handle any increase in vehicle capacity, significantly posing a danger to all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the New Jersey Turnpike will promote local and regional sprawl; and

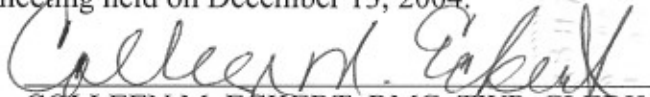
WHEREAS, the general health, safety and well being of the residents of Bordentown Township must be a paramount consideration in any undertaking by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee for the Township of Bordentown, Burlington County, that it does hereby request that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and Department of Transportation seek alternatives to expanding the New Jersey Turnpike in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Bordentown hereby requests that the Turnpike Authority and Department of Transportation immediately undertake preparation of Community Impact Assessments in coordination with Bordentown Township. The Community Impact Assessments identify the magnitude of the impacts on our community both directly and indirectly resulting from any proposed turnpike expansion including evaluation of existing infrastructure and effects on residents health, safety and quality of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee for the Township of Bordentown requests the intervention of Acting Governor Richard J. Codey, State Senator Robert Singer, Assemblyman Joseph Malone, Assemblyman Ronald Dancer, NJDOT Commissioner John F. Lettiere, Jr., NJDEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell and the Board of Public Utilities President Jean M. Fox, to ensure that the concerns expressed in this Resolution are adequately and properly addressed before any final plan for expansion of the New Jersey Turnpike is adopted and that each of these individuals shall be provided with a copy of this resolution.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy
of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township
of Bordentown at a meeting held on December 13, 2004.


COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK

