

## RESOLUTION 2014-345

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING A NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, transportation is fundamental to the vitality and strength of Barnegat Township and the State of New Jersey, its people, businesses, neighborhoods, its economy and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation infrastructure is underfunded and in many ways inadequate to facilitate economic growth, businesses' distribution needs, downtown revitalization, and future population trends; and

**WHEREAS**, public transportation continues to gain riders yet suffers from a shortfall in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, public transportation and other alternatives help alleviate traffic, minimize pollution and accommodate underserved and environmentally aware residents; and

**WHEREAS**, road, highway, transit and bridge improvements have traditionally enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, federal transportation programs expire on September 30, 2014 and federal funding may run out before that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal tax on gasoline has not been raised since 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Transportation has warned states that funding for projects will cease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to improve the economy and quality of life in Barnegat Township, and to better ensure the safety of our citizens, it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Governing Body of Barnegat Township that it does hereby endorse and support efforts to pass a bipartisan, long term funding program for transportation; and

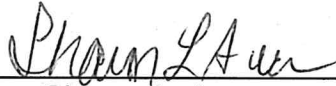
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Congress move quickly on a long-term program for highway, bridge and transit that provides local officials a voice in selecting the projects that encourage economic vitality, strengthen neighborhoods and public safety; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that uncertainty in funding will cause projects to be delayed, result in the loss of economic activity and hurt business mobility and threaten economies; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Robert Menendez and Senator Cory Booker and our Congressman Jon Runyan, Governor Chris Christie, and New Jersey's Acting Commissioner of the Department of Transportation Joseph Bertoni and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005



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Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk