

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2018-8-5

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, CITY OF
BURLINGTON, TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON, TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., local governmental units in New Jersey are encouraged by the legislature to work cooperatively to provide services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4, authorizes local governmental units to enter shared service agreements with other local governmental units to provide services which each may provide on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders (“Board”), the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Burlington (“Burlington City”), the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Burlington (“Burlington Township”), the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Florence (“Florence Township”) and the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield (“Mansfield Township”) are concerned about the growing traffic congestion and circulation issues occurring in an area of Burlington County identified as the Northern Route 130 Region (“Region”), which comprises portions of Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township 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 Board, Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township recognize that traffic generated within the Region affects residents’ quality of life and businesses’ operational efficiencies across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board, Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township wish to work together in developing and implementing a Northern Route 130 Circulation and Transportation Plan (“Plan”) that addresses the traffic issues in the Region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that it approves negotiating an agreement with the County of Burlington, Burlington City, Burlington Township, and Florence Township to undertake the following responsibilities to develop and implement the Plan:

1. Responsibilities undertaken by each local governmental unit:
 - a. Burlington County
 - Coordinate Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township to prepare and finalize the Plan, at the County’s expense;
 - Prepare the Plan, which is based on the input obtained from the four municipalities as well as the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”);
 - Adopt, through the Burlington County Planning Board, the Plan and incorporate it into the Burlington County Highway Master Plan for implementation;

- Implement the county-related recommendations of the Plan by various available means such as: (1) requiring developers that obtained county planning board approvals to construct recommended improvements or, when warranted, to make pro rata share contributions toward the construction of recommended improvements; (2) the Board constructing recommended improvements funded by developer pro rata share contributions; (3) when appropriate, the Board constructing recommended improvements that are county-funded; and (4) the Board pursuing federal and state funding to construct recommended county-related improvements;
 - Pursue efforts to have NJDOT construct, through various state programs, recommended state-related improvements;
 - Direct the County Engineer to receive information about pending and anticipated development applications from the four municipalities in the Region, review and evaluate the development applications vis-à-vis traffic impacts, and provide the development application information to the Burlington County Bridge Commission Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning to maintain a list of proposed developments in the region and to compare the proposed/anticipated development to the buildout component of the Plan to anticipate future traffic generation by development that will impact the Region;
 - Convene, on an annual basis, a meeting with the four municipalities to discuss progress in implementing the Plan and related matters, and prepare a summary of the meeting and distribute it to the governing bodies of the four municipalities.
- b. Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township**
- Agree to cooperate and collaborate with Burlington County and one another to develop the Plan;
 - Encourage their respective planning boards, to adopt the Plan as part of their master plans;
 - Review their respective ordinances to ensure compliance with state law involving off-tract improvement and contribution requirements imposed upon applicants seeking local land development approvals;
 - Revise and amend their respective ordinances to refer to the Plan as a basis for the need for off-tract improvements and, as necessary, to comply with state law involving off-tract improvements and contributions
 - Agree to provide the County Engineer with information about pending and anticipated development applications in their respective municipalities so that the County Engineer may review and evaluate the development applications vis-à-vis traffic impacts;
 - Agree to require, through resolutions of approval granted by municipal land development boards, and to the extent legally permitted, developers to construct off-tract municipal improvements recommended in the Plan or, when warranted, make pro-rata share contributions for off-tract municipal improvements recommended in the Plan;
 - Agree to require, through resolutions of approval granted by municipal land development boards, developers of significant projects to submit their projects to the Burlington County Planning Board;
 - Implement the municipal-related recommendations of the Plan by various available means such as: (1) requiring developers that obtain municipal board approvals to

construct recommended improvements or, when warranted, to make pro rata share contributions toward the construction of recommended improvements; (2) the municipality constructing recommended improvements funded by developer pro rata share contributions; (3) when appropriate, the municipality constructing recommended improvements that are municipally-funded, to the extent funds are available; and (4) the municipality pursuing federal and state funding to construct recommended municipal-related improvements;

- Pursue efforts to have NJDOT construct, through various state programs, recommended state-related improvements.
- c. Burlington County, Burlington City, Burlington Township, Florence Township and Mansfield Township
- Agree to meet on an annual basis to: discuss progress in implementing the Plan, identify emergent traffic issues and ways to address them, provide an accounting of off-tract contributions collected and expended, strategize to fill gaps in funding to implement the Plan, and collaborate to pursue grants and outside agency funding to implement the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Solicitor are authorized to engage in discussions with the other governmental entities in an effort to develop an agreement along the lines set forth above, and satisfactory to the Township Committee, it being understood that this Resolution is not, in and of itself, an agreement of any sort, but is simply, instead, an outline of the type of agreement that the Township would like to enter into with the other governmental entities identified herein.

MOTION: CAIN

SECOND: GABLE

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: CAIN, GABLE, HIGGINS

NAYS: ABSTAIN: MAGEE

ABSENT: DIGIUSEPPE

CERTIFICATION

I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at their Reorganization Meeting held on August 15, 2018 at the Municipal Complex at 6:00 PM.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk