

## RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY BRIDGE O-10 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE APPROACH ROADWAYS AT SUNSET AVENUE AND BRIDGE STREET IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Monmouth County Bridge O-10, which carries Sunset Avenue across Deal Lake and connects the City of Asbury Park and the Township of Ocean, was constructed in approximately 1924; and

**WHEREAS**, the office of the Monmouth County Engineer has determined that the bridge is in need of major rehabilitation and/or replacement and, through a federally funded Local Scoping process, has performed an Alternatives Analysis (AA) to identify and evaluate viable and feasible alternatives to replace and/or rehabilitate the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2010, the County held a public information session in the Township of Ocean to inform the public and receive comments and input for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the County held on site meetings with Township representatives, residents and adjacent property owners to discuss concerns raised at both the public information session and in public comments submitted to the County and Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the public comments strongly preferred a bridge replacement that will, as much as possible, be consistent with applicable standards and guidelines, maintain the current bridge footprint and minimize impacts on adjacent properties and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township supports the complete replacement of the structure; and in order to maintain the community character and minimize impacts on the surrounding properties, the Township believes the proposed shoulder width should be designed not to exceed the width of the Sunset Avenue approach on the Ocean Township side; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that the County will propose a bridge replacement design that will have two 12-foot travel lanes, shoulders consistent with the existing shoulder widths of the Sunset Avenue approach road on the Ocean Township side, two 5-6 foot wide sidewalks, and two 1 foot wide parapets in accordance with applicable AASHTO, NJDOT and Monmouth County guidelines and standards; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, that it hereby supports Monmouth County and its efforts to reconstruct Bridge O-10 and requests the County to advance the Design of the Reconstruction of Monmouth County Bridge O-10 over Deal Lake consistent with this resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Monmouth County should continue working with Township officials and community members to allow for regular public input into the bridge design and construction effort to:

- develop a design alternative that maintains the scale of the existing bridge in relation to the surrounding neighborhoods and properties,
- incorporate the historically sensitive design features and lighting elements of the existing bridge into the design of the replacement bridge; and
- potentially eliminate the use of guardrails along residential properties, and propose alternatives that are more consistent with the neighborhood character

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to:

1. Monmouth County Engineer
2. City of Asbury Park

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Hiers	Councilman Garofalo	Council-woman Schepiga	Councilman Siciliano	Mayor Larkin
Motion To Approve					
Motion to Second					
Approved					
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

**CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Ocean Governing Body at their meeting held on **August 9, 2010**.*

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 Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC  
 Township Clerk