

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-67

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR
REPLACEMENT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY / MONMOUTH COUNTY
OLD BRIDGE-MATAWAN ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 516) BRIDGE 3B40
OVER LAKE LEFFERTS
OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MATAWAN BOROUGH AND ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County / Monmouth County Old Bridge-Matawan Road (County Route 516) Bridge 3B40 over Lake Lefferts connecting residents and businesses of Old Bridge Township, Matawan Borough and Aberdeen Township, was originally built in 1929 with repairs made in 2019 to address critical defects to maintain safe operation, and provides an important transportation route for neighborhoods and commuters serving as an essential link over Lake Lefferts for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County and Monmouth County sought to address structural, geometric, and operational deficiencies of the Old Bridge-Matawan Road (CR 516) Bridge 3B40 over Lake Lefferts to provide a safe, efficient and reliable crossing for all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Middlesex County Engineer and the office of the Monmouth County Engineer have determined that the bridge is in need of major rehabilitation and/or replacement and, through a federally funded Local Concept Development (LCD) Bridge Study process administered by North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), has performed an alternatives analysis to identify and evaluate viable and feasible alternatives to replace and/or rehabilitate the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) have been project team members with Middlesex County and Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the project team held two (2) community stakeholders meetings online and two (2) public information center meetings online to present bridge study information and receive comments and input from the public on the LCD Bridge Study; and

WHEREAS, the project team met with municipal representatives from the Township of Old Bridge, Borough of Matawan, and Township of Aberdeen at three (3) local officials meetings online during the LCD Bridge Study to present bridge study information and receive comments and input; and

WHEREAS, based on the alternatives analysis and the public and municipal comments, the project team's recommended Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA), referred to as Alternative 3, Replacement with Shared-Use Path, Option A: Steel Beams is a complete replacement of the bridge with a fixed bridge structure over Lake Lefferts and roadway bridge cross section of one 12' travel lane, 6.5' shoulder and 10' shared-use path (sidewalk) in each direction to accommodate vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian use; and

WHEREAS, providing the least disruption to existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, the construction staging will maintain vehicular and pedestrian access on the existing bridge structure over Lake Lefferts during the construction phase with minimal temporary detours as possible for safety and operation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex and the County of Monmouth is desirous of completing the LCD Bridge Study Phase and proceeding to the Local Preliminary Engineering Phase (LPE) and then Final Design (FD) Phase; and

WHEREAS, to qualify to receive federal funding for the LPE Phase and the FD Phase, a resolution of support of the project is necessary from Old Bridge Township, Matawan Borough and Aberdeen Township and be included in the LCD Bridge Study project documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Aberdeen that the Council hereby supports the Preliminary Preferred Alternative, Alternative 3, complete bridge replacement for the Old Bridge-Matawan Road (CR 516) Bridge 3B40 with a fixed bridge structure over Lake Lefferts with the bridge cross section as noted above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Monmouth County Engineer and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hirsch, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Cannon and Martucci

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy
of a resolution adopted by the Township
Council of the Township of Aberdeen at
a regular council meeting held on April 21, 2022

Melissa Pfeifer
Melissa Pfeifer, Municipal Clerk