

EXPLANATION: A Resolution of Support (Concurrence) for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Rattlesnake Bridge Road over I-78 bridge repair/replacement project in Bedminster Township

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-128**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently met with elected officials, township professionals, township staff, local school officials and other interested parties regarding a repair/replacement project for the Rattlesnake Bridge Road bridge over I-78 in Bedminster Township; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT investigation revealed that the current bridge, built in 1965, requires decking repairs and is the subject of a repair project scheduled for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT scheduled several meetings with all interested parties to evaluate scheduling of the project and traffic detour alternatives that will have the least impact on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, working in concurrence with local school, EMS/Fire representatives and representatives from local businesses, reviewed a proposal from the contractor for the project, Konkus Corp., to combine the three stages of construction that impact traffic (Stages 1B, 2 and 3) and complete all such construction activities during one full detour of six (6) months or less; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, in an effort to minimize costs and the impact on local businesses as well as the additional burden on traffic control and local school budgets by keeping the project within a single fiscal year, supports the proposal to extend the full detour for two additional months, thus eliminating the full year of southbound detour entirely with a start date of February 21, 2020 and an end date of June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, in consideration for supporting the staging alternative that will have the least impact on the surrounding community, would request that the NJDOT provide a backup power supply for traffic utilities near the project area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that it supports a proposal from the contractor for the project, Konkus Corp., to combine the three stages of construction that impact traffic (Stages 1B, 2 and 3) and complete all such construction activities during one full detour of six (6) months or less during the dates of February 21, 2020 to June 26, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

ATTEST:

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE:**

By: _____
Judith Sullivan, RMC
Township Clerk

By: _____
Lawrence F. Jacobs, Mayor

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk of Bedminster, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019.

Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk

Introduced	Seconded	Township Committee	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Lawrence F. Jacobs, Mayor				
		Staci Santucci				
		Douglas A. Stevinson				
		R. Colin Hickey				
		Renee M. Mareski				