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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION TO NJDOT OF, A DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTE WITHIN THE TOWN
OF PHILLIPSBURG**

WHEREAS the Town of Phillipsburg desires to regulate roadways which Commercial motor vehicles (CMV) as defined by NJAC 16:27-2.1 which are registered or operate at a weight exceeding 4 tons from select roadways in the Town of Phillipsburg for roads under their jurisdiction pursuant to NJSA 40:67-16.1; and

WHEREAS, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Inc. ("Van Cleef), was directed to perform an analysis of the routes throughout the Town for the purpose of evaluating whether there was a particular truck route(s) which would result in the least impact to the residents and motoring public while at the same time remaining efficient for purposes of the movement of goods through the Town; and

WHEREAS the Council supports the certification report prepared by Town of Phillipsburg Engineer dated January 14th, 2022; and

WHEREAS the Council supports the requested relief identified by the Town Engineer from NJAC16:32-1.5(a)2.ii which requires local jurisdictions provide local road access that connects US Route 22 which is identified as a part of the NJDOT Large truck State Access Network and State Route 122 which is identified as part of State Access Network per NJAC 16:32-1.4 and NJAC 16:32-1.5 and 16:32-1.7. Further, Council supports the relief sought in the Certification report from NJAC 16:27-4.3(b).4 (entrapments). These reliefs would result in the Town not being required to provide a connection via Center Street/Rosebery or South Main Street or other local road to connect US Route 22 and State Route 122. As the certification report provides for a route with a truck turn around along Howard Street to enable trucks that become entrapped to return to Route 122 and continue to exit to the Town which connects to Route 22 at the intersection of Route 22 and Route 122 adjacent to Interstate 78 interchange No. 3; and

WHEREAS the Council understands NJDOT may not provide relief as sought and should such relief not be provided the Council supports and authorizes consideration of an alternate route per NJAC 16:27-4.3(b)7.i that includes the use of Center Street and portions of Roseberry Street to be included as part of the designated truck route to provide required local route connections between State Route 22 and State Route 122; and

WHEREAS the Council authorizes of the submission of the required certification report prepared by the Town Engineer per NJAC 16:27-4.3; and

WHEREAS the Council supports the rights under State regulation to permit local deliveries and pickups; and

WHEREAS the Council supports the rights under NJAC 16:32-1.5 and sub parts 2.ia; and

WHEREAS by authorizing the Town Engineer and Administration to submit a formal request for the designation of truck routes the Town Council supports the designated trucks routes identified by the Town Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby formally supports and endorses the January 14, 2022 report prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Inc. and hereby authorizes the formal request to the State of New Jersey for the designation of truck routes within the Town.

CERTIFICATION

I, Lorraine Loudenberry, Acting Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their February 15, 2022 meeting.

Lorraine Loudenberry, Acting Municipal Clerk