

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING APPROVAL OF AN NJDOT GRANT TO THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HIGH BRIDGE BRANCH RAILROAD IN MOUNT OLIVE AND ROXBURY TOWNSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Morris (County) has applied to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for a grant to improve the High Bridge Branch Railroad in Mount Olive and Roxbury Townships; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project entails the replacement of rails, ties, and stone ballast at various locations where needed along the High Bridge Branch in Mount Olive and Roxbury Townships; and

**WHEREAS**, these railroad infrastructure improvements would be supplemented by the clearing of encroaching brush and removal and recycling of old rail ties; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the proposed work may occur in Mount Olive Township; and

**WHEREAS**, NJDOT's grant program is highly competitive with no guarantees future funding opportunities will be available; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is committed to working cooperatively with the host municipalities on freight railroad issues, and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Freight Railroad Advisory Committee was formed; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of the proposed improvements along the High Bridge Branch Railroad, the Township Council believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to support the County as it seeks funds to improve its freight rail network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mt. Olive Township Council supports Morris County's FY 2010 grant award by the NJDOT for the "High Bridge Branch Resurfacing" project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Morris County Administrator and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP

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Phil Tobey, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held May 25, 2010.

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Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk