



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

Mayor Nolan offered the following  
Resolution and moved on its adoption:

## **RESOLUTION 13-257**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS REQUESTING DESIGNATION AS A TRANSIT VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has created a Smart Growth community revitalization and redevelopment program known as the Transit Village Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Village Initiative supports Smart Growth, revitalization and redevelopment within walking distance of transit for the purpose of increasing transit ridership, reducing automobile congestion and improving air quality in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT along with NJ TRANSIT, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Redevelopment Authority, the Council on the Arts, Main Street New Jersey, the Economic Development Authority, the Office for Planning Advocacy and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency are partners in the Transit Village Initiative and make up the Transit Village Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT may designate a Transit Village after the municipality has achieved the Transit Village Criteria established by the Transit Village Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, once a municipality has been deemed a Transit Village, the Transit Village Task Force will provide that municipality with (1) a contact person in each of the state agencies that make up the Transit Village Task Force; (2) technical assistance from each agency; (3) up-to-date information on grants, loans, programs or other opportunities; (4) priority funding where feasible; and (5) access to special information meetings, educational programs and research information; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands desires to apply to the NJDOT for Transit Village designation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands in the county of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that Highlands requests to be considered for Transit Village designation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands is committed to Smart Growth and is willing to accept meaningful growth in terms of jobs, housing and population within the transit village development district; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands hereby commits to the implementation of the compact, mixed-use, transit-supportive vision as represented in the Transit Village Statement of Qualification; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands has identified Tim Hill, Borough who is knowledgeable in municipal planning, development and/or economic issues, to be the primary contact person to the Transit Village Task Force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if designated a Transit Village, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands will commit to submitting annual updates as required by the Transit Village Task Force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if designated, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands will continuously strive to improve the quality of the transit village district; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event that the Transit Village Task Force determines that a designated Transit Village is no longer acting consistently with the Transit Village program goals, the Transit Village Task Force may suspend designation and/or withhold program benefits.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan</b>
<b>NAYES:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>