

RESOLUTION 2026-152

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF BILL A-5274/S-4448 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO LOWER SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS WITHOUT ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham recognizes the importance of pedestrian safety and the burdensome cost of traffic engineering studies, and, therefore, seeks solutions that will improve the safety of the Township's high pedestrian areas, including, but not limited to, commercial areas and schools zones; and

WHEREAS, the proposed speed-limit reduction legislation (A5274/S4448, Session 2026-2027), sponsored by Assemblyman Andrew Macurdy and Assemblyman Vincent Kearney, pending before the New Jersey Legislature, would authorize municipalities and counties to lower speed limits on certain roads without engineering and traffic investigation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would grant municipalities and counties the authority to reduce the speed limit by five miles per hour on roads with current speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour or less under their jurisdiction without completing a traffic engineering study; and

WHEREAS, municipalities must consider surrounding land use and context when using the provisions allowed in this legislation, and, therefore, must consider several factors if the relevant section of road is in a school zone or high-pedestrian area; and

WHEREAS, municipalities should prioritize commercial downtowns, transit corridors, school zones, and areas within a quarter to half mile of major transit facilities when determining a "high pedestrian area;" and

WHEREAS, this provision may not be used more than once per segment of roadway while a traffic study is in progress, or within one year from the date that the same portion of a road's speed limit was altered as a result of a traffic study, or to lower a speed limit below fifteen miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, this legislation mandates that the Commissioner of Transportation, a municipality, or a county, as appropriate, to erect appropriate signs giving notice of the reduced speed limit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey:

1. That it does hereby support Bill A-5274/S-4448 to improve road safety conditions for the people of Summit, New Jersey, and urges its passage.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Legislative District Representatives Senator Jon Bramnick and Assemblymembers Andrew McCurdy and Vincent Kearny and to the NJ State League of Municipalities.

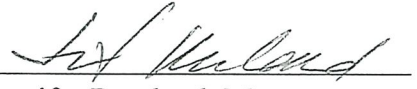
Adopted: August 11, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:



Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By 

Jennifer Rowland, Mayor