

RESOLUTION
of the
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE

Resolution No. 2011-266

Council Meeting Date: 09-26-2011

Date Adopted: 09-26-2011

TITLE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAL AT PITTSFORD WAY AND SPRINGFIELD AVENUE AS PART OF THE SPRINGFIELD AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Councilperson Lesnewich submitted the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Councilperson Cucco.

WHEREAS, the Union County Division of Engineering and Planning has advised the Borough of New Providence's Engineering Department of plans to make improvements to Springfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineering Department has discussed with the County of Union, Department of Engineering the concept design for a pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Pittsford Way ; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department of the Borough of New Providence had determined it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough that a solar powered pedestrian crossing signal be installed at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Pittsford Way.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey, that they do hereby support and request the installation of a solar powered pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Pittsford Way.

APPROVED, this 26th day of September, 2011.

RECORD OF VOTE

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
CUCCO	X			
GALLUCCIO	X			
GENNARO	X			
LESNEWICH	X			
MUÑOZ	X			
VYZAS	X			
HERN			TO BREAK COUNCIL TIE VOTE	

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council held on the 26th day of September, 2011

Wendi B. Barry, Borough Clerk

MEMORANDUM

To: Doug Marvin, Borough Administrator

From: Mark Demareski, Assistant Borough Engineer *MD*

CC: Wendi Barry, Borough Clerk (w/attachment)
Andrew R. Hipolit, P.E., Borough Engineer
Carl Woodward, Borough Attorney
Jim Johnston, Public Works Manager

Date: September 21, 2011

**RE: Resolution Request
Pedestrian Crossing Signal Installation
Springfield Avenue and Pittsford Way**

The Engineering Department has followed up on a resident's letter received by the Mayor and Council on February 2, 2011 requesting additional pedestrian safety from the New Providence Train Station crossing at Springfield Avenue to Pittsford Way. Currently there exists a pedestrian crossing signal with flashing lights to alert cars that someone wants to cross on Springfield Avenue at Livingston Avenue, Academy Street and at the New Providence Community Pool.

With more residents using the New Providence Train Station, The Engineering Department has followed up on this request with Union County and their Consultant Birdsall Services Group for a solar powered pedestrian crossing signal to be included on the County's current plans for the Roadway Improvements to Springfield Avenue and this to be incorporated as Change Order to the project.

The Engineering Department was advised yesterday that a formal Resolution from the Mayor and Council requesting this pedestrian crossing signal needs to be provided. The County will then install the pedestrian crossing signal and the Borough will be responsible for any and all maintenance similar to the other (3) three pedestrian crossing signals.

I hereby request a resolution by the Mayor and Council for a Pedestrian Crossing Signal to be installed at Springfield Avenue and Pittsford Way. The Engineering Department will also follow-up with the City of Summit for a supporting resolution. These resolutions will then be forwarded to Joseph Graziano, Department of Engineering & Public Works Director and Thomas Mineo, P.E, Union County Engineer.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please give me a call.

File: Street Renovation/Union County/ Pedestrian Crossing Signal

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February 17, 2011

Hon. J. Brooke Hern
And the Borough Council
Borough of New Providence
360 Elkwood Avenue
New Providence, NJ 07974

Re: Public Safety at Intersection of Springfield & Pittsford Avenues

Dear Mayor Hern and Members of the Council:

I write regarding the intersection of Springfield and Pittsford Avenues, on the eastern border of New Providence with Summit. As many of you know, that is the intersection nearest the New Providence train station. Every day, scores of commuters, parents, and children cross that intersection. It has been a perennial disaster waiting to happen.

Notwithstanding a new state law, enacted nearly a year ago, *mandating* that drivers *stop* for pedestrians in a designated crosswalk, more often than not, I and my fellow pedestrians must wait for five, ten, twenty cars to whip past before either one stops or there is a break in the traffic permitting us to cross Springfield – provided someone following on doesn't try to pass a stopping car on the right.

This needs to be rectified. I would like to propose a variety of solutions, any one of which could, hopefully, alleviate the problems pedestrians face daily, and potentially absolve the Borough of a potential tort claim should someone be injured (or killed) at a known dangerous location. So, my suggestions are:

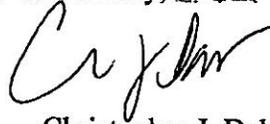
1. Replace the median sign which advised drivers to "STOP For Pedestrians in Cross Walk." (My guess is the prior one was run over).
2. Place warning lights above the cross-walk sign, like those recently installed at the intersection of Maple Street and Central Avenue. These caught my attention; perhaps if we installed them on Springfield at Pittsford the would do the same.
3. Place the Police Department's mobile illuminated sign-board (often positioned on Springfield near the municipal complex, reminding drivers to "Buckle Up" or

“Hang Up the Phone”) at the intersection, and remind drivers they must stop for pedestrians in the cross-walk.

A longer-term solution might include a button-activated warning light, such as those located along Springfield Avenue at Livingston Avenue, Academy Street, and the New Providence Community Pool. In the interim, the three proposals above should hopefully enable pedestrians to cross Springfield more safely. And, if we need assistance in paying for any modifications, I'd suggest simply assigning a police officer to hand out tickets to the motorists who fail to stop at the crosswalk; all it would take is a day or two of citations and the Borough would have more than enough to pay for these safety improvements.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Dalton