

**RESOLUTION**  
of the  
**BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE**  
Resolution No. 2012- 094

Council Meeting Date: 03-12-2012                      Date Adopted: 03-12-2012

TITLE:            RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED TO REMOVE TREES  
                     DURING THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT, PHASE II.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Providence received a federal grant to assist with the completion of our Downtown Streetscape project, providing for enhanced pedestrian safety throughout the business community; and

WHEREAS, part of the project includes renovation of sidewalks and crosswalks in the vicinity of Springfield Avenue and Academy Street; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the goals of the project and allow for the construction, four trees will need to be removed; and

WHEREAS, three of the trees are located on the South side of Springfield Avenue between the Village Shopping Center and Gales Drive and the other is located on the Northeast corner of Academy Street at Springfield Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey that the Borough Council acknowledges that these trees be removed to allow for the construction associated with the Downtown Streetscape Project, Phase II.

APPROVED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

## RECORD OF VOTE

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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

Wendi B. Barry, Borough Clerk



February 7, 2012

**Via Facsimile (908-665-8361) and Regular Mail**

Borough of New Providence  
360 Elkwood Avenue  
New Providence, New Jersey 07974

Attn.: Mr. Mark Demareski, PE, Assistant Borough Engineer

Re: Borough of New Providence, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
Downtown Streetscape Project – Phase II  
Summary of Changes  
Our Project No.: SCE-2457.1

Dear Mr. Demareski:

Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) is in receipt of your correspondence dated December 20, 2011 requesting information regarding the Downtown Streetscape – Phase II project. Provided below is a summary of the project status with anticipated scheduling dates, which are based on the latest information provided by the NJDOT review engineer for the project.

Project Summary

Project design documents and applicable paperwork were submitted for final review by the NJDOT Local Aid on May 20, 2011. Minor revisions to plans were submitted to NJDOT Local Aid on June 24, 2011. NJDOT Local Aid forwarded the project information to the NJDOT Environmental Section for review (environmental and historic preservation) in May of 2011 and again with revised plans in June 2011. Additional copies of the plans were forwarded to the NJDOT Environmental Section on August 25, 2011 at their request. The environmental review has occurred and at present, the project is still in the NJDOT/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review process, due to the proximity of the project to the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Passaic St. and Springfield Avenue. The NJDOT has retained (at their cost and per the direction of SHPO) a cultural resource contractor to determine the eligibility of the Church (and possibly the Church cemetery) for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The eligibility review has begun and my recent discussions with the cultural resource contractor indicate that their work will be complete and submitted to NJDOT in mid-March 2012. We have a call into the NJDOT Environmental Case Manager to confirm their anticipated schedule for final review and approval upon completion of the cultural resources work.



Regarding the status of review with other agencies associated with the project:

NJDOT Local Aid – They have all documents necessary and are awaiting response from their Environmental Section (see above)

NJDOT Environmental Section – There has been a request from the NJDOT Environmental Section for two items from the Borough of New Providence.

1. Provide information regarding the public discussion of the project. This can be in the form of Council meeting minutes during the initial approval to move forward with the project.
2. Confirmation, via a resolution, that the Borough Council is aware that the four trees slated for removal during this project (one at the northeast corner of Academy Street and Springfield Avenue; and three along the south side of Springfield Avenue between Academy Street and Gales Drive). This is a new request that can be performed at an upcoming Council meeting and should not cause any review delay at NJDOT as they are also waiting for the cultural resource report due in mid-March.

NJTPA – We have confirmed in the past, and again at the beginning of this month, that the NJTPA has all applicable documents necessary. They are waiting on the NJDOT approval process and NJDOT is responsible for coordinating with the NJTPA. Funding is still in place (\$250,000 appropriated).

Union County – 95% Contract Documents were previously forwarded to Union County for review, with no comments received for this project. A letter of “no comments regarding design and location” for the banner pole project was received from Union County. SCE contacted Thomas Mineo, PE, the County Engineer regarding their review of the Streetscape Contract Documents. Mr. Mineo requested we forward the most recent set of plans for his review, which will be forwarded to him this week.

SCE has attached hard copies of the most recent submission documents to the various agencies noted above, and will copy the New Providence Engineering Department on the transmittal of documents to Union County when they are submitted later this week.

#### Revised Project Timeline

- a. NJDOT/NJTPA Authorization – SCE has confirmed the NJTPA has authorized the project for the 2012 fiscal year. NJDOT authorization is pending final SHPO review and comment. This is anticipated by mid-April 2012 (providing one month for SHPO to comment upon receipt of the cultural resource report in mid-March). SCE will



- continue to coordinate with NJDOT (Local Aid and Environmental Section) and NJTPA regarding the revised bid schedule contained herein.
- b. SCE to provide a second set of project documents (plans and specifications) to the Union County Engineering Department by February 10, 2012.
  - c. Bid Authorization - Upon approval by the NJDOT and NJTPA and receipt of review comments, if any, from the Union County Engineer, a letter request to the Mayor and Council can be prepared. Our estimated timeframe for this is late April to early May 2012. Bid Authorization by the Council could then be acted on at the next Council Meeting.
  - d. Notice to Bidders – May 31, 2012.
  - e. Bid Due Date – June 28, 2012.
  - f. Recommendation of Award – June 29, 2012.
  - g. Project End Date - October 27, 2012 (with a 120 day project time).

Please note the projected timeline is making certain assumptions regarding the timing of the NJDOT final approval. Additionally, if the Borough desires, the project time can be reduced to 90 days if deemed appropriate. This would bring the project end date to September 27, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

**Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Clark', written over a horizontal line.

David A. Clark, PE  
Project Manager