

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**Authorizing A Nonbinding Referendum On The Question Of Whether The
Borough Should Undertake A Major Capital Improvement Project To
Improve The Borough's Streets and Roads**

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WHEREAS, many of the Borough's streets and roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, for the last several years, have included approximately \$15,000 in each year's annual budget for road improvements; and

WHEREAS, that amount is not sufficient to keep up with the ongoing deterioration of the Borough's streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has concluded that the roads will continue to deteriorate unless a major road reconstruction and improvement projects are undertaken at an estimated cost of \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, the governing body feels that the residents of the Borough should have a say in whether such a major capital improvement should be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 provides that:

“When the governing body of any municipality . . . desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality . . . upon any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof, and there is no other statute by which the sentiment can be ascertained by the submission of such question to a vote of the electors in the municipality . . . at any election to be held therein, the governing body may adopt at any regular meeting an ordinance or a resolution requesting the clerk of the county to print upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election a certain proposition to be formulated and expressed in the ordinance or resolution in concise form. Such request shall be filed with the clerk of the county not later than 81 days previous to the election.”; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that it is appropriate to conduct a nonbinding referendum on this question;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey as follows: The

following nonbinding public question shall be submitted to the voters of High Bridge Borough at the November 3, 2015 general election:

PUBLIC QUESTION

Should the Borough of High Bridge undertake a major road reconstruction and improvement projects over the course of the next ten years at an estimated aggregate cost of \$900,000, which will be financed through \$0.03 tax increase dedicated to the Capital Improvement Fund for Borough Infrastructure repairs?

The following statement interpreting the nonbinding public question shall also be placed on the ballot:

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

If this question is approved by the voters, the Mayor and Council will consider adopting an ordinance or ordinances appropriating approximately \$900,000 in the aggregate over the next several years for a major road reconstruction and improvement project, and Finance through the Capital Improvement Fund with an \$0.03 increase to the property tax. The tax increase required to fund the projects will be outside the 2% CAP. If this question is approved by the voters, the governing body will authorize in the Capital Improvement Fund that said funds generated shall be for Streets and Road Improvements and/or equipment dedicated to and for the purpose of Streets and Road improvement. Funding generated shall be in a fiscally responsible manner, authorized by a Capital ordinance requiring an introduction and a public hearing prior to commencement of any work. The governing body will initially use the 2011 Pavement Rating/Road Reconstructions Costs Study, prepared by the Director of Public Works, as updated, to determine the specific projects that will be undertaken, however, no final decisions will be made until public hearings have been held and the governing body has received input from the residents of the Borough. The Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Hunterdon County Clerk and request that the nonbinding public question and interpretive statement be placed on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot.