

June 5, 2025

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

RESOLUTION 2025-209

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT
ON STATE ROUTE 71 (MAIN STREET) FROM 30 MPH TO 25 MPH**

WHEREAS, Main Street (State Route 71) in Bradley Beach is a heavily trafficked, mixed-use corridor frequented by pedestrians, cyclists, families, and visitors, many of whom cross the street at designated and undesignated locations; and

WHEREAS, the absence of dedicated bike lanes and the increasing presence of low-speed vehicles, such as neighborhood electric vehicles and golf carts, necessitate a safer, more accommodating traffic environment; and

WHEREAS, numerous intersections and crosswalks along Main Street suffer from limited visibility due to poor sight triangles, posing significant hazards to both drivers and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that reducing vehicle speeds from 30 mph to 25 mph can significantly decrease the likelihood and severity of traffic accidents, particularly benefiting vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, lower speed limits contribute to improved air quality and reduced noise pollution, enhancing the overall health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, slower traffic speeds encourage walking and cycling, promoting active transportation and contributing to public health; and

WHEREAS, adjacent municipalities, including Avon-by-the-Sea and Neptune Township, have expressed interest in implementing similar speed limit reductions on their portions of State Route 71, aiming for consistency and improved safety across the region; and

WHEREAS, a 25 MPH speed limit for Route 71 through Avon-by-the-Sea, Bradley Beach, and Neptune Township would complete a “25 MPH corridor” between Belmar and Asbury Park, both of which currently utilize a 25 MPH speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of Bradley Beach has reviewed the proposed speed limit reduction and supports it as a necessary measure to enhance public safety on Main Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Borough formally requests that the New Jersey Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit on State Route 71 (Main Street) within the boundaries of Bradley Beach from Thirty (30) to Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.
2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, as well as to the governing bodies of Avon-by-the-Sea and Neptune Township, to encourage regional collaboration on this safety initiative.

Seconded by Councilperson DeNoble and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DeNoble	X			
Ms. Greenblatt	X			
Mr. Nowicki	X			
Mr. Weber	X			
Mayor Gubitosi	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Erica Kostyz, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at the June 5, 2025 Council Business Meeting.

Erica Kostyz
 Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
 Municipal Clerk