

RESOLUTION #17-56

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF CONRAIL RAILROAD BRIDGE
RAISE AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT
EAST RED BANK, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Conrail is proposing to raise and replace undergrade bridge 7.95 over East Red Bank Avenue in the City of Woodbury, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge is a one track, riveted steel through girder bridge with floorbeams and stringers with a 54 ft. span supported on stone abutments built in 1906; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge is currently posted for a 12'6" clearance for the street below and has been struck and damaged by passing vehicles on numerous occasions in the past and is nearing the end of its useful life due to normal deterioration from age; and

WHEREAS, Conrail is proposing to completely remove and replace the superstructure with a welded through girder open deck bridge designed to carry current railroad traffic and placement of the new superstructure at a higher elevation than the existing structure to provide for a minimum of 14'0" vertical clearance for vehicular traffic, to raise the track by approximately 18" to accommodate this bridge raise and to modify the stone abutments and build retaining walls to retain the embankment; and

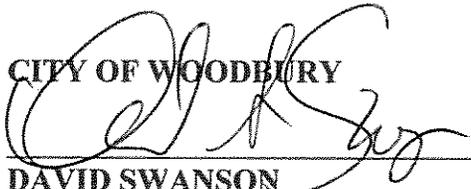
WHEREAS, the frequent vehicle strikes due to the insufficient clearance has been an ongoing safety issue and has caused significant traffic issues for many years; and

WHEREAS, Conrail has received an allotment of money from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Rail Freight Assistance Program for a State Grant funded by the Transportation Trust Fund which requires a resolution of support from the City of Woodbury for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury determined that the replacement project will promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors to the City of Woodbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury hereby grants its support and endorse the project for the raising and replacement of the undergrade bridge 7.95 East Red Bank Avenue, Woodbury, New Jersey and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Conrail and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury on February 28, 2017.

By: 
CITY OF WOODBURY
DAVID SWANSON
President Pro Temp of Council

ATTEST:

ROY A. DUFFIELD, Clerk

Recorded vote:
Ayes (7): Tierney, Swanson, McIlvaine, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin, Carter
Nays, Abstentions: none Absent: Parker, Trovato