

RESOLUTION 2018-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all users is a priority of The City of Port Washington;

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive, context sensitive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allow safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families;

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly children, older adults, and persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, Complete Streets improve public health and safety by reducing the risk of injuries and fatalities from traffic collisions for users of all modes of transportation;

WHEREAS, streets that are designed with the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists in mind increase the number of people walking and bicycling;

WHEREAS, a balanced transportation system that includes Complete Streets is conducive to streets that are lively with people walking and bicycling to everyday destinations, such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs, which in turn enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability;

WHEREAS, encouraging people to walk, bicycle, and use public transit saves energy resources, reduces air pollution, and reduces emissions;

WHEREAS, Complete Streets encourage an active lifestyle by creating opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities, thereby helping to reduce the risk of obesity and its associated health problems, which include diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, as well as certain cancers, stroke, asthma, and depression; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, the City of Port Washington wishes to improve its commitment to Complete Streets and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable, and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Port Washington hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users,

including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works should make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users, and should work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works should evaluate how well the streets and transportation network of the City of Port Washington are serving each category of users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that trainings in how to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users should be provided for planners, civil and traffic engineers, project managers, plan reviewers, inspectors, and other personnel responsible for the design and construction of streets, bridges, and other portions of the transportation network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer, Director of Public Works, and Director of Planning and Zoning recommend short-term and long-term steps, planning, and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; to assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets in the City of Port Washington; and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals, including the City of Port Washington's Comprehensive Plan to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer, Director of Public Works, and Director of Planning and Zoning should consider requiring incorporation of Complete Streets modifications and infrastructure in the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Port Washington, State of Wisconsin, on January 3, 2018.



Thomas Mlada, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk