RESOLUTION NO. 2012-12

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to assure safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails and transit systems, including pedestrian, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destination by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communicates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westerville recognizes the importance of street infrastructure improvements and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users; which improvements and modifications have been, are and will be components of the Annual Street Rehabilitation Program; the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program; South State Streetscape Improvement Projects; Cleveland Avenue Improvements, and Dempsey Road Improvements; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTERVILLE, OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council supports the Complete Streets initiative.

Section 2. That in order to develop and maintain a safe, efficient, balanced and environmentally sound Westerville transportation system for people of all ages and abilities, transportation and development projects should explore incorporating any principles of the Complete Street initiative that are consistent with the Vision and Values of the City of Westerville.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: July 2, 2012

Michael Heyeck Chair of Council

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