

**Resolution authorizing the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy,
by the Franklin County Engineer's Office (Engineer)**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Engineer recognizes the need to accommodate all modes of transportation within the public right-of-way, including travel by pedestrians, bicycles, motorists, and transit users; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Engineer seeks to meet the transportation needs of all its citizens by providing street networks that safely connect to all properties, creating a more livable and welcoming community to all citizens, regardless of age or ability; 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 are typically designed to include the following characteristics; wider sidewalks; pedestrian intersection treatments; narrower streets in low-speed residential areas; pedestrian refuge islands on moderate-speed arterial or collector streets; on-street and/or off-street bicycle facilities; enhanced landscaping and streetscape elements; more non-vehicular connections between the public right-of-way and private property; and transit accommodations along key corridors; and

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are context sensitive, so that the street design complements and enhances the surrounding land use and community character; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Engineer 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; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1) That the Franklin County Engineer's Office hereby establishes a Complete Streets Policy and directs staff to accommodate all modes of travel in the transportation planning process, including travel by all pedestrians (regardless of age or abilities), cyclists, motorist and transit users, to the highest degree possible in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of new and retrofit transportation facilities in the public right-of-way.

Section 2) That the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed Franklin County Engineer Complete Streets Policy as a resource of processes and guidelines for the Franklin County Engineer.

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