

Resolution #14-1117-06 Approving Liberty Township Complete Streets Policy

WHEREAS "Complete Streets" are streets that are safe and convenient for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and motor vehicle drivers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township recognizes that streets are a key factor in the way people experience the public realm and play a vital role in promoting economic development, public safety, health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the design and function of our streets has often favored the motorist over the needs and safety of other users of the transportation network, particularly pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is committed to providing increased mobility choices and improved safety for all its residents, as embodied in the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, investments in pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure will help promote "active transportation" and bring physical activity into the daily lives of the citizens of Liberty Township which will improve their health, reduce the incidence of diseases related to inactivity such as obesity and heart attacks and improve air quality and limit greenhouse gas emissions by reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township seeks to create an interconnected network of transportation facilities that accommodate all modes of travel in a manner consistent with the community context and goals and that incorporate green infrastructure measures, where appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Liberty Township, commits to a Complete Streets Policy that will incorporate Complete Streets into the planning, design and operation of all future street, sidewalk, trail and other transportation projects, whether new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or pavement resurfacing and restoration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that municipal staff are directed to review and update, as needed, language in Liberty Township's Comprehensive Plan, zoning ordinance, and other codes, to incorporate the intent of this Complete Streets Policy and use best practice design guidelines as set forth in the attached Liberty Township's Complete Streets Policy, which shall be effective immediately upon the enactment.

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

Motion made by Mitchell and seconded by Leneghan.

Vote: Y Mitchell ; Y Eichhorn Y Leneghan

11/17/14
Date

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Tom Mitchell, Trustee

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Shyra Eichhorn, Trustee

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Melanie Leneghan, Trustee

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Mark S. Gerber, Fiscal Officer

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES**

A. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Complete Streets Infrastructure means roadways and/or public rights-of-way planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.

Street Project means the construction, reconstruction, retrofit, or alteration, and includes the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes, except that "Street Project" does not include maintenance such as cleaning, sweeping, mowing, spot repair, or interim measures on detour routes.

Users means legal users of the roadways and public right-of-way, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

B. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this ordinance are as follows:

1. To promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the community by providing opportunities for walking, bicycling, personal vehicular transportation and public transportation.
2. To encourage increased use of non-motorized modes of transportation.
3. To attempt to maximize access for all segments of the population including both persons with and without disabilities.

C. COMPLETE STREET INFRASTRUCTURE.

1. The Township shall endeavor to make complete streets practices a routine part of operations, strive to make every street project accessible for all users, and coordinate efforts with other agencies and jurisdictions to achieve complete streets. The Township shall work in partnership with the Delaware County Engineer and Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate implementation of Complete Streets to the extent feasible, pursuant to this Ordinance.

2. The Township resolves to consider complete streets practices for every street project in order to provide reasonably safe travel along and across the road right-of-way for each category of users; provided, however, that such infrastructure may be excluded, upon agreement of the Township Board and the applicable public road agency, subject to each agency's powers and duties, where documentation and data indicate that:

- a. Use by non-motorized users is prohibited by law.

b. The cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use over the long term, or funding is simply not available.

c. There is an absence of current or future need.

d. Inclusion of complete streets infrastructure would be unreasonable or inappropriate in light of the scope of the project.

e. Implementation of complete streets infrastructure is not possible due to physical restraints imposed by the project area.

3. The Township will encourage incorporating complete streets infrastructure into existing streets to improve the safety and convenience of users, construct and enhance the transportation network for each category of users, and create a walkable and bike friendly community.

4. If the safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of a street project that includes pavement resurfacing, restriping, or signalization operations, the Township will review the possibility of incorporating complete streets improvements.

5. The Township will review all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, and rules, including the Comprehensive Plan of the Township to attempt to address the needs of all users in all street projects on public and private streets. This shall be done through the normal course of revisions and updates to these documents.

D. DATA COLLECTION, STANDARDS, AND PUBLIC INPUT.

1. The Township has collected a significant amount of data and obtained public input by various means pertaining to multiple modes of transportation which is reflected in the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Like any planning document, these plans may be amended and/or updated from time to time.

2. The Township shall continue to encourage public participation in decisions concerning the design and use of streets.

3. The Township shall work in concert with the Delaware County Engineer and Ohio Department of Transportation when evaluating future roadway projects for the inclusion or feasibility of complete streets infrastructure.

4. All street projects requiring funding and/or approval by the Township Board shall:

a. Evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users.

b. Identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.

c. Achieve implementation of Complete Street Infrastructure to the extent feasible.