

Resolution 138-2013  
Complete Streets

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**WHEREAS**, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all relevant users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, drivers of agricultural vehicles, emergency vehicles, etc., and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, streets that are not designed to provide safe transport for all relevant users present a danger to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other transportation users, particularly children, older adults, and people with disabilities, and many of these related injuries and fatalities are preventable, and the severity of these dangers could readily be decreased by implementing Complete Streets approaches; and the Town of Hammonton wishes to ensure greater safety for those traveling its streets;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has found that measurable improvements to pedestrian safety from incorporating Complete Streets principles and practices reduces the incidence of crashes by approximately 50%;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and public transportation use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling, and public transportation in order to address a wide variety of challenges to our community;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton recognizes that the careful planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure offers long-term cost savings for taxpayers by reducing road construction, repair, and maintenance costs and expanding the tax base; improves public health and thereby lowers health care expenses; provides financial benefits to property owners, businesses, and investors through increased tourist revenue, business relocation, and property values; and decreases air and water pollution;

**WHEREAS**, alternatives to automobile travel should be integrated into all transportation planning in light of the fact that 25% of all car trips are to destinations within 1 mile of home, and 40% of all trips are two miles or less from home, and the Town of Hammonton wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and public transportation use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people;

**WHEREAS**, streets are a key public space, they shape the experience of residents of and visitors to the Town of Hammonton, they directly affect public health and welfare, and they provide the framework for current and future development;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton recognizes the need to prepare well in advance for future transportation needs

and street design in light of changing Town demographics;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton wishes to build upon its existing policies that recognize the importance of addressing the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders, such as its support for Safe Routes to School;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton continues to encourage public participation in community decisions concerning street design and use to ensure that such decisions: (a) result in streets that meet the needs of all users, and (b) are responsive to needs of individuals and groups that traditionally are not incorporated in public infrastructure design;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton therefore, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, wishes to initiate a Complete Streets program 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 Town of Hammonton hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all relevant users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, passenger vehicles, public transportation riders and drivers, agricultural vehicles, emergency vehicles, freight, etc., and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all appropriate entities with the Town of Hammonton, including but not limited to 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 Town 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 Town Business Administrator/Director of Public Works should evaluate how well the streets and transportation network of the Town of Hammonton are serving each category of users.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that initial and ongoing training sessions in how to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users should be provided for all relevant Town staff as staff duties and budget allow, and evidence of training in and familiarity with Complete Streets principles and practice will be expected of all 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 for the Town of Hammonton.

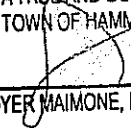
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town's Business Administrator should report back to the Council within one year of the date of passage of this resolution regarding: the steps taken to implement this Resolution; additional steps planned; and any desired actions that would need to be taken by Council to implement the steps taken or planned.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all future projects requiring any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network, as well as all planning and design studies, health impact assessments, environmental reviews, and other project reviews related to such projects requiring funding or approval by the Town of Hammonton, shall incorporate Complete Streets modifications in the

planning, design, approval, and implementation processes therefor, including performance standards with measurable benchmarks reflecting the ability of users to travel in safety and comfort; and requirements to: (1) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and (2) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.

Adopted: Adopted: November 18, 2013

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BY ME TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMMONTON

  
APRIL BOYER MAIMONE, MUNICIPAL CLERK