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Mr. Jerry Fried  
Lead Ambassador  
Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center  
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Dear Mr. Fried:

Enclosed is a CERTIFIED copy of Resolution No. 14-330, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2014, implementing a Complete Streets Program.

Very truly yours,

Andrew J. Pavlica  
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF GARFIELD  
Bergen County, New Jersey

Resolution 14-330  
Complete Streets Program

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**WHEREAS**, a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all uses by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of Complete Streets include improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, non-drivers and the mobility challenged as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free; providing connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities; promoting healthy lifestyles; creating more livable communities; reducing traffic congestion and reliance on carbon fuels thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and saving money by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to implement a Complete Streets policy through the planning, design construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities enabling safe access and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users of all ages and abilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield adopts the following Complete Streets Policy as follows:

**Purpose:** To adopt a Complete Streets Policy that acknowledges and implements the concept that streets should be designed, built and retrofitted for all users: motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and people with disabilities. Implementation of this policy will integrate the needs of all users into everyday transportation and land use decision making, and will take place through the following methods:

1. Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established in new construction and reconstruction projects, which shall

not include any projects pertaining to "milling and paving" and/or "re-surfacing" unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

\*Bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the roadway.

\*The cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project, at more than five percent (5%) of the total cost.

\*Where sparse population, travel or other factors indicate an absence of need as defined by any street with a paved roadway width greater than 28 feet and less than 100 vehicles per day.

\*Detrimental and environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations as determined by either the Mayor and Council or the appropriate local government agency.

\*The safety or timing of a project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

2. Paved shoulders should be included where feasible in all new construction and reconstruction projects on roadways used by more than 21,000 vehicles per day consistent with NJDOT Complete Streets policy.
3. Sidewalks, shared use paths, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, transit stops and facilities, and all connecting pathways shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so that all pedestrians, including people with disabilities, can travel safely and independently.
4. The design and development of the transportation infrastructure shall improve conditions for bicycling and walking through the following additional steps:

Planning projects for the long term. The design and construction of new facilities that meet the criteria in Item 1 above should anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.

Addressing the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross corridors as well as travel along them. The design of intersections and interchanges shall accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians in a manner that is safe, accessible and convenient.

Getting exceptions approved at a senior level. Exceptions for the non-inclusion of bikeways and walkways shall be approved by a senior manager and be documented with supporting data that indicates the basis for the decision.

Designing facilities to the best currently available standards and guidelines.

The design of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians should follow design guidelines and standards that are commonly used, such as the AASHTO Guide for the Development of bicycle Facilities, AASHTO's A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, and the ITE Recommended Practice "Design and Safety of Pedestrian Facilities."

5. This Complete Streets Policy shall be incorporated into the next Reexamination, update, revision, amendment or adoption of the Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Departments and Agencies having a responsibility for or connection with projects covered by the Garfield Complete Streets Policy.

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CALANDRIELLO	X			
ALOIA	X			
DELANEY	X			
MATI	X			
RAYMOND	X			

I hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a Meeting

AUG 12 2014

held

  
 Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK









