



BOROUGH OF CALDWELL NEW JERSEY



Resolution No: 4-100

Date of Adoption: April 15, 2014

TITLE:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING “COMPLETE STREETS” POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Caldwell is committed to creating street corridors that accommodate all road users of all ages and abilities for all trips; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” refers to a balanced approach to transportation solutions that takes into account the needs of all roadway users: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Caldwell has already completed extensive and detailed planning through the adoption of its new Land Use Element, Transportation Oriented Development Plan, Circulation Plan Element and Form Based Code, all of which promote “Complete Streets” principals; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved by incorporating pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Caldwell fully supports these initiatives and wish to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected street network that accommodates all road users of all abilities and for all trips; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (not including maintenance) in the Borough of Caldwell shall be designed and constructed as complete streets. The “complete street” accommodates travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and other motorized vehicles and their passengers. This policy shall be implemented as follows:

1. All Borough of Caldwell streets shall be designed and constructed to include accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorists. Complete streets shall accommodate users of all ages and abilities.
2. Recognizing the inter-connected multi-modal network of street grid, the Borough of Caldwell will work with the County of Essex, New Jersey Transit, New Jersey Department of Transportation and other state agencies through existing planning efforts to ensure complete streets principles are incorporated in a context sensitive manner.
3. While complete streets principles are context sensitive, it would be appropriate to consider these features during the design, planning, maintenance and operations phases and incorporate changes into some retrofit and reconstruction projects. Departments shall reference New Jersey Roadway Design Manual; the AASHTO Guide for the Traffic Control Devices; the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and other design criteria as necessary, striving to balance all needs, when repaving or reconstructing streets.
4. To facilitate timely implementation of the new policy, the following steps shall be taken:
 - a. A memorandum outlining this new policy will be distributed to all department heads within 90 days of this resolution.
 - b. At least one training about complete streets will be conducted for appropriate staff within 180 days of this resolution.
 - c. Oversight of new complete streets policy will be handled by the Borough Engineer, or other appropriate Department Heads as approved by the Governing Body.



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5. Exceptions may be made to this policy under any one of the following conditions:

- a. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are not required where they are prohibited by law.
- b. Public transit facilities are not required on streets not serving as transit routes. The desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.
- c. When the cost of incorporating new bicycle, pedestrian, and/or public transit facilities is excessive, defined as greater than 20% of the overall project cost, the need for and or probable use of the facility shall be considered in making the determination as to budget and capital improvements program approval process or when project plans and specifications are being prepared. Exceptions due to cost increases shall be sent to the Mayor and Council of Caldwell for formal approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Caldwell hereby consents to all public streets projects, both new construction and reconstruction (not including maintenance) in the Borough of Caldwell shall be designed and constructed as complete streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain on file in the Borough Clerk’s office and a copy be provided to the Essex County Freeholders, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

Councilman: _____ presented the following resolution - Seconded by Councilman: _____

COUNCILMAN Yes No Absent Abstain COUNCILMAN Yes No Absent Abstain

Hauser						Rodgers				
O'Donnell						Durkin				
Kelley						Capozzoli				

Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk

Ann Dassing, Mayor

This resolution, when adopted, must remain in the possession of the Municipal Clerk. Certified copies are available.