

CITY COUNCIL OF EAST ORANGE

Resolution offered by Council Member: _____ HOLT _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users 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, 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, on-street bike facilities, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of East Orange 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, and transit users of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of East Orange adopts the East Orange Complete Streets Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Policy, Planning and Development and the Department of Public Works make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public 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 East Orange Planning and Zoning Boards and the Redevelopment Entity, along with their respective planning and engineering professionals, shall incorporate the East Orange Complete Streets Policy into its reviews of major site plan and redevelopment projects; that all initial planning and design studies, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding or approval by the City of East Orange should: (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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Complete Streets advisory committee is hereby created and may be composed of appropriate local, county, state administrative officials and members of the public appointed by the Mayor to recommend a Priority Action Plan of short and long term steps, planning and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the need users; to assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets in the City of East Orange; and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates and design manuals, including the East Orange Master Plan, to integrate, accommodate and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee shall work to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Complete Streets Policy into the East Orange Master Plan and Land Use Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory committee should report on the matters within its purview to the East Orange City Council within one year, and annually, following the date of adoption of this Resolution.

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Action on Veto - √ To Sustain

N.V - Not Voting (Abstained or Excused)
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VOTES REQUIRED _____

Approved as to:
 Factual Contents _____
Department Head

Appropriation _____
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_____ City Council Chairman

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_____ City Clerk

_____ Mayor

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