

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

Resolution No. 107-19

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence is committed to creating a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving and intends to plan, design, build and maintain all roads to meet the needs of all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicle users and motorists of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence is committed to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal transportation network within the community; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that flexibility is important and all streets are different, and user needs must be balanced and fit into the context of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy shall apply to both new and retrofitted projects, including design, planning, construction, maintenance, and operations, for the entire right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, exceptions to the policy may be granted by the Municipal Engineer upon evaluation of the presence of specific safety concerns including exceptions under the following conditions:

1. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
2. Public transit facilities shall not be required on streets not serving as transit routes and the desirability of transit facilities will be determined on a project specific basis.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer shall utilize a Complete Streets checklist in planning, design, engineering, and maintenance of Township streets, with the checklist detailing the procedure for accommodations and exceptions under the policy; and

WHEREAS, complete streets have the potential for improving physical and mental health either directly or indirectly in the following ways:

- i. Incorporating physical activity into our daily lives by increasing pedestrian activity and bicycle use.
- ii. Reducing rates of several chronic diseases related to increases in physical activity from walking and bicycling. Key impacted diseases include diabetes, heart disease, depression, and some cancers.
- iii. Reducing rates of injury and death from decreased traffic crashes and improved road safety for all users.
- iv. Reducing rates of asthma and other respiratory issues due to improved air quality through emissions reductions and vegetative air filtration.
- v. Multiplying health and wellness benefits resulting from improved access to necessary amenities for vulnerable populations.
- vi. Reducing the risk of illnesses related to water-borne pathogens resulting from improved stormwater infiltration.
- vii. Increasing the sense of social connectivity & sense of community belonging.
- viii. Improving aesthetics through decorative and functional vegetation.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that all initial planning and design studies of complete street infrastructure projects shall consider opportunities to improve public health.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all public street projects undertaken by the Township shall be designed and constructed as Complete Streets for a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal transportation network within the community.

Adopted: March 5, 2019

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Kownacki	✓						
Ms. Lewis	✓					✓	
Dr. Maffei				✓			
Mr. Powers	✓						✓
Mayor Bobbitt	✓						