

RESOLUTION 19-53

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
FOR THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES**

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, older citizens, non-drivers, and the mobility challenged, as well as those that cannot afford a car or choose to live car free; and

WHEREAS, providing connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers, and public facilities is critical to increasing a sense of social connectivity and community belonging – especially among vulnerable populations, encouraging a reduction in reliance on automobiles for shorter trips, promoting an independence among our youth, and supporting aging-in-place initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets promotes healthy lifestyles and improved physical and mental public health through the reduction of several chronic diseases related to a lack of physical activity, and creating more livable communities and reducing traffic congestion improves air and water quality and the occurrence of respiratory issues and water-borne pathogens from improved stormwater infiltration when green infrastructure is implemented;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes received free technical Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Assistance from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in the development of a Complete Streets Implementation Plan for the Borough, which recommends the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy; and

WHEREAS, having a Complete Streets policy can help save money by incorporating sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings, transit amenities, and other context-sensitive improvements into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of future retrofits; and

WHEREAS, the Pompton Lakes Mayor and Borough Council wishes to establish a Complete Streets Policy through the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of new and retrofitted transportation facilities, enabling safe access and mobility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Borough Council adopts the following Complete Streets Policy with the following goals and objectives:

1. Create a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network by facilitating connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreational, and public facilities, as well as retail and transit centers.
2. Provide safe and accessible accommodations for existing and future pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities.
3. Establish a checklist of pedestrian, bicycle and transit accommodations such as accessible sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, countdown pedestrian signals, signs, curb extensions, pedestrian scale lighting, bike lanes, and shoulders for consideration in each project even if county or state jurisdiction applies.
4. Establishment of a procedure to evaluate resurfacing projects for Complete Streets inclusion according to length of project, local support, environmental constraints, right-of-way limitations, funding, and bicycle and/or pedestrian compatibility.
5. Transportation facilities constructed and retrofitted for long-term use shall consider bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.
6. Designs shall address the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross corridors, as well as travel along them in a safe, accessible and convenient manner.
7. All initial planning and design studies of complete street infrastructure projects shall consider opportunities to improve public health.
8. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities shall be designed and constructed to the best currently available standards and practices including the Passaic County Complete Streets Guidelines, the NJDOT Roadway Design Manual, the NJDOT Complete Streets Design Guide, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, the AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, the National Association of City Transportation


Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide, Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and others as related.

9. Provisions shall be made for pedestrians and bicyclists when closing roads, bridges or sidewalks for construction projects as outlined in NJDOT Policy #705 – Accommodating Pedestrian and Bicycle Traffic During Construction.
10. Improvements shall also consider connections for Safe Routes to School, Safe Streets to Transit, Transit Villages, trail crossings and areas or population groups with limited transportation options;
11. Improvements shall comply with Title VII Environmental Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and complement the context of the surrounding community.
12. Exemptions to the Complete Streets Policy shall be presented to the Mayor and Borough Council in writing and documented with supporting data that indicates the reason for the decision and are limited to the following:
 - a) Non-motorized users are prohibited on the roadway
 - b) Scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need for such accommodations.
 - c) Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations.
 - d) Cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of the project.
 - e) The safety or timing of a project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all future projects shall include a completed copy of the NJDOT Complete Streets Checklist, and shall consider the goals and objectives of this policy and the recommendations of the Pompton Lakes Complete Streets Implementation Plan in the planning, designing, and constructing of projects to ensure that concepts and designs adhere to the Complete Streets policy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution shall be sent to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, every Department in the Borough and its consultants, and all Departments and Agencies having a responsibility for or connection with projects connected with the Pompton Lakes Complete Streets Policy.


Approved:



MICHAEL SERRA, MAYOR

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at their Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pompton Lakes Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.



Elizabeth Brandsness, RMC
Municipal Clerk

cc: administrator, county board of chosen freeholders, borough departments