

into account all modes of transportation, and consideration of environmental impact, whenever public streets, public right-of-ways, and public facilities are improved; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” refers to a project spearheaded by the advocacy group National Complete Streets Coalition which, simply put, promotes a planning and design philosophy to “complete the streets and make them safer, more livable and welcoming to everyone”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the endorsement of many public interest groups such as AARP, the American Automobile Association and the American Public Transportation Association, as well as practitioner organizations such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the American Planning Association and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) has adopted “Complete Streets” as its formal policy with respect to the planning and construction of new and retro fit State transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies are in harmony with the goals of the Town of Westfield Master Plan Reexamination of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the “Complete Streets” initiative and wishes to reinforce its commitment to creating a comprehensive, integrated, connected roadway network that accommodates roadway and public right-of-way users of all abilities for all trips as safely and as ably as possible; and

WHEREAS, to clarify the concept of context based treatments, the NJ DOT lists the following exemptions when applying the “Complete Streets” philosophy:

- (1) Non-motorized users are prohibited by law on the roadway.
- (2) Scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need.
- (3) Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations.
- (4) Cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project.
- (5) The safety or timing of a project is compromised by the Inclusion of Complete Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that all public roadway, public right-of-way, and public facility projects, both new construction and reconstruction, undertaken by the Town of Westfield shall continue to be planned, designed and constructed in accordance with the “Complete Streets” philosophy whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorized vehicles operators and their passengers, of all ages and abilities, subject to the NJ DOT exemptions listed above.