

RESOLUTION NO. 248-2016 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A CITY OF BURLINGTON COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

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; 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, bike lanes, safe crossings and transit amenities into the initial design of a project, thus sparing the expense of retrofits later; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Burlington wishes 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, transit users of all ages and abilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Burlington adopts the following Complete Streets Policy:

Purpose: To adopt a Complete Streets Policy that acknowledges and implements the concept that streets should be designed, built and retrofitted for all users: motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and people with disabilities. Implementation of this policy will integrate the needs of all users into everyday transportation and land use decision making, and will take place through the following methods:

1. Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established in new construction and reconstruction projects unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

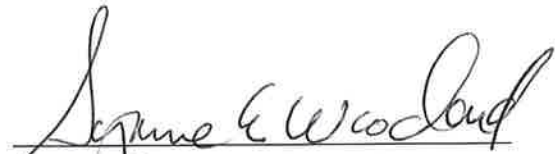
- § Bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the roadway.
- § The cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project, at more than twenty percent (20%) of total cost.
- § Where sparse population, travel or other factors indicate an absence of need as defined by any street with a paved roadway width greater than 28 feet and less than 100 vehicles per day.

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- § Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations
 - § The safety or timing of a project is compromised by the inclusion of Complete Streets.
2. Paved shoulders should be included in all new construction and reconstruction projects on roadways used by more than 1,000 vehicles per day consistent with NJDOT Complete Streets policy.
 3. Sidewalks, shared use paths, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, transit stops and facilities, and all connecting pathways shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so that all pedestrians, including people with disabilities, can travel safely and independently.
 4. The design and development of the transportation infrastructure shall improve conditions for bicycling and walking through the following additional steps:
 - § Planning projects for the long-term. The design and construction of new facilities that meet the criteria in Item 1 above should anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.
 - § Addressing the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross corridors as well as travel along them. The design of intersections and interchanges shall accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians in a manner that is safe, accessible and convenient.
 - § Getting exceptions approved at a senior level. Exceptions for the non-inclusion of bikeways and walkways shall be approved by a senior manager and be documented with supporting data that indicates the basis for the decision.
 - § Designing facilities to the best currently available standards and guidelines. The design of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians should follow design guidelines and standards that are commonly used, such as the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, AASHTO's A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, and the ITE Recommended Practice "Design and Safety of Pedestrian Facilities".
 5. This Complete Streets Policy shall be incorporated into the next Reexamination, update, revision, amendment or adoption of the Master Plan.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Departments and Agencies having a responsibility for or connection with projects covered by the City of Burlington Complete Streets Policy.


Suzanne E. Woodard, President
Common Council

Attest:


Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
City Clerk

October 18, 2016

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL						
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BABULA			✓			
CHACHIS			✓			
HATALA			✓			
LOLLAR	✓		✓			
MERCURI			✓			
SWAN		✓	✓			
WOODARD			✓			