

ARTICLE VII  
**Complete Streets Policy**  
**[Adopted 12-18-2017 by Ord. No. 1304]**

**§ 223-62. Purpose.**

The Township of Little Falls Complete Streets Policy promotes a comprehensive, integrated, connected multimodal transportation network by providing connections to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreational and public facilities, as well as retail and transit centers.

**§ 223-63. Goals.**

- A. Create a comprehensive, integrated, connected multimodal transportation network by facilitating connection to bicycling and walking trip generators such as employment, education, residential, recreational, and public facilities, as well as retail and transit centers in the Transit Village Zone.
- B. Provide safe and accessible accommodations for existing and future pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle and transit facilities on all roadways in the Township.
- C. Develop procedures for Township officials to evaluate transportation projects, major site plan reviews and redevelopment plans, and to ensure that adequate consideration of bicycle, pedestrian and transit needs are incorporated into the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of projects.
- D. Transportation facilities constructed for long-term use shall anticipate likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.
- E. 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; therefore, the design of intersections, interchanges and bridges shall anticipate use by bicyclists and pedestrians.
- F. Improvements shall also consider connections for trail crossings and areas or population groups with limited transportation options.
- G. Improvements shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act<sup>1</sup> (ADA).

---

1. Editor's Note: See 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.

**§ 223-64. Exemptions.**

There are no exceptions to the Complete Streets Policy in the Transit Village Zone. Exemptions in the remaining zones in the Township for the Complete Streets Policy shall be documented with supporting data that indicates the reason for the decision and are limited to the following:

- A. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
- B. Where scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need for these accommodations, they shall not be required.
- C. Where detrimental environmental, safety or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations, they shall not be required.
- D. Proposed bike lanes and sidewalks shall have connections to adjoining Township and county roads. Bike lanes and sidewalks with no planned connections may not be considered.
- E. Where no present or future transit facilities exist, or are anticipated, compliance is not required.

**§ 223-65. Complete Streets Priority Action Plan.**

The Complete Streets Priority Action Plan is set forth to identify priority actions and improvement areas for decision makers and Township professionals to focus their attention and propose complete street alternatives in adherence to the policy.

- A. Work with the Township school districts to encourage walking and bicycling in accordance with school policies for school-aged children.
- B. Encourage and facilitate complete street improvements on roadways owned and maintained by the County of Passaic.
- C. Promote al fresco dining in the Transit Village Zone to engender the community and encourage pedestrian activity.
- D. Require Public Works employees to consider complete streets policies during their maintenance activities. Employees shall be expected to:
  - (1) Complete street cleaning of the entire street surface; and

- (2) Avoid snow plowing that pushes snow into crosswalks, blocking access. Blocked crosswalks shall be cleared as soon as possible.
- E. The Land Use Board shall promote bicycle and pedestrian improvements during their review of commercial, retail, office, and multifamily residential land uses.