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## Resolution No. 18 of 2010

### Complete Streets Policy of the City of Franklin

A resolution introduced for the promotion of safe, convenient and healthy transportation choices for citizens and visitors within the corporate boundaries of the City of Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania.

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of and visitors to the City of Franklin will be enhanced by the adoption of a policy that promotes a complete transportation system that meets the needs and expectations of all transportation users; and

**WHEREAS**, the promotion of transportation improvements that are planned, designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use increase the general safety, health and overall welfare of the citizens of and visitors to the City of Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Franklin desires to establish a clear policy ensuring that the needs of all transportation users including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, people with disabilities, the elderly, emergency responders, motorists, freight providers and adjacent land users are considered; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin hereby resolve that the following Complete Streets Policy is adopted:

#### **I. PURPOSE:**

This complete streets policy is written to empower and direct citizens, elected officials, City agencies, planners, engineers and architects to use an interdisciplinary approach to incorporate the needs of all users into the design of all transportation-related construction or reconstruction projects within any City right of way or part thereof located within the limits of the City of Franklin. Furthermore, this policy is intended to encourage those who provide improvements to non-City-owned roadways or traffic ways to also incorporate similar methods into their design and construction plans for such roadways and traffic ways within the City of Franklin.

## **II. GOALS:**

- A.) To ensure that the safety and convenience concerns of all transportation system users are considered and that access to a reasonably safe transportation network for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, people with disabilities, the elderly, emergency responders, motorists, freight providers and adjacent land users are provided for.
- B.) To incorporate the principles of this policy into all aspects of the transportation project development process.
- C.) To create and maintain a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network within the City of Franklin that encourages and supports compact, sustainable development.
- D.) To recognize the need for flexibility to accommodate different types of transportation systems and transportation system users.
- E.) To ensure that transportation design solutions fit within the context of the community, area or neighborhood where they are planned for.
- F.) To the extent that is financially feasible the City will make reasonable efforts to adequately fund the implementation of this policy.

## **III. POLICY**

The complete streets policy should apply to all new construction or reconstruction of roadways or other transportation projects within any City right of way within the City of Franklin, specifically:

- A.) Transportation projects should accommodate all users of the transportation system including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, the elderly, motorists, emergency responders, freight providers and adjacent land users.
- B.) Roadway and other transportation projects should make use of the latest and best design standards, policies and guidelines such as, but not limited to those found in the revised American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities as well as recommendations from the current PennDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

- C.) Complete Streets solutions shall be developed to fit within the context of the community, area or neighborhood where they are planned for and designed to specifically meet the needs of the corridor.

**IV. EXEMPTIONS:**

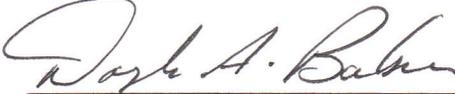
Exemptions to the Complete Streets Policy include:

- A.) Ordinary maintenance activities.
- B.) Projects where such accommodations are unreasonable or unlawful. In such cases, efforts should be made to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians elsewhere.
- C.) Project(s) along or associated with a roadway that does not belong to the City of Franklin. In such cases the City shall encourage the appropriate agencies to design and construct their project(s) based on this policy.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2010.

ATTEST:

  
  
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E. William Gabrys, City Clerk  
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Douglas A. Baker, Mayor