



Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Policy

MEETING DATE: February 10, 2015

FROM: [Brigitte Berger](#), P.E., Director of Engineering

BUDGET IMPACT: None

Recommended Motion

Move to introduce and subsequently adopt Ordinance 2015-O-4 adopting the Complete Streets Policy.

Background

At the April 22, 2014 Village Board meeting representatives from Wilmette Citizens for Active Transportation (WCAT) gave a presentation to the Village Board outlining their goals. At President Bielinski's request the Municipal Services Committee was asked to meet with the group and discuss their goals, specifically the passage of a Complete Streets Ordinance.

"Complete Streets" are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The purpose of adopting a Complete Streets policy is to encourage transportation planners and engineers to consider implementing design standards that increase safety and access for all roadway users when possible.

Discussion

At their November 20, 2014 meeting, the Municipal Services Committee reviewed and discussed the Complete Streets policy drafted by staff. There was consensus by the Committee to adopt the policy by ordinance. Note that while the policy encourages complete street design, the policy does not require such design.

Budget Impact

The cost for roadway enhancements associated with Complete Streets principles will be incorporated into future budgets as funds allow

Documents Attached

1. Ordinance 2015-O-4 Adopting a Complete Streets Policy Draft Complete Streets Policy
2. Complete Streets Policy

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-4

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees (collectively “Village Board”) of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois (“Village”), find that the Village is a home rule municipal corporation as provided in Article VII, Section 6 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and, pursuant to said constitutional authority, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare;

WHEREAS, a “Complete Street” is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for users of the road of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, school students, the elderly, commuters, transit vehicles, and vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is necessary, convenient and in the best interests of the residents of the Village of Wilmette to adopt the Complete Streets principals as guidelines for design of capital projects, land use planning and transportation policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing findings and recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance and are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein.

SECTION TWO: The Complete Streets Policies & Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted in its entirety.

SECTION THREE: The Village Manager is authorized to disseminate the policy and take all actions necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wilmette, Illinois, on the ____ day of _____, **2015**, according to the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Clerk of the Village of Wilmette, IL

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Wilmette, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, **2015**.

President of the Village of Wilmette, IL

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Village of Wilmette, IL

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM _____, 2015

Exhibit A

Complete Streets Policies & Procedures



Policy Topic: Complete Streets

Effective Date: TBD

1. Policy Statement

This policy sets forth the procedures for incorporating Complete Streets principals into the design of capital projects, land use planning and transportation policies.

2. Definition

A “Complete Street” is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for users of the road of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, school students, the elderly, commuters, transit vehicles, and vehicular traffic.

3. Benefits of a Complete Streets Policy

- Transportation, quality of life, and economic development are all connected through an integrated, well-planned, well-designed and context-sensitive transportation infrastructure;
- A strong multimodal transportation infrastructure has many benefits including reducing road congestion, improving the health of the community, invigorating local commerce, reducing household transportation costs, decreasing pollution and energy consumption, and providing travel options for those who cannot or prefer not to drive;
- Complete Streets are essential to providing safe and connected routes for people to travel throughout the Village and to neighboring villages, and in particular, to create safe routes to school for young children;

4. Guidelines

- Federal and state funded transportation improvement projects will include consideration of appropriate accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users;

- Where feasible, capital projects will include improvements that enhance ADA accessibility;
- Capital projects will include traffic calming measures as approved by the Village's Transportation Commission and Village Board;
- At such time as the Village has an updated or revised bike plan that recommends new or enhanced bike facilities, the Village will consider incorporating such facilities into the capital plan and budget;
- The Village will encourage bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the course of future development projects;
- The Village will seek federal, state, county, private and other transportation funding sources to financially support capital improvements and planning grants consistent with Complete Streets practices.
- The Village may take advantage of available educational and training opportunities for its staff to improve proficiency in Complete Streets practices.

Approved by:

Village Manager

Date