

RESOLUTION NO. R-62-11

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Village of Forest Park enjoys an existing street and sidewalk network that connects residents and visitors to shopping, employment, recreational, and public transportation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Forest Park recognizes that streets are our most prominent public spaces, and great streets must achieve a balance between mobility needs, adjoining land uses, environment and community interest; and

WHEREAS, some Village of Forest Park residents do not have access to a personal automobile and for reasons such as age, economics, or ability to drive, the only alternative transportation options to them are walking, bicycling or using public transit; and

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors choose to utilize non-auto-oriented travel options such as walking, bicycling, and taking public transit as convenient, economical or sustainable alternatives to driving a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking, bicycling, and the use of transit offers the potential to improve the health of a community, decrease congestion, decrease air pollution, decrease dependence on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources, and increase the efficiency of road space and transportation resources; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as one that provides a safe, convenient network that is sensitive to the character of the surrounding area while serving all modes of travel, including walking, biking, transit, automobile and freight, for all ages and all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets improve access and safety for those who cannot or choose not to drive motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are essential to providing safe routes for children to get to school; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets provide safe and convenient access for all users to key community destinations, including parks, commercial districts, libraries, employment centers, transit stations and municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets have public health benefits, including encouraging physical activity and improving air quality, by providing the opportunity for more people to walk and bike safely; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Forest Park is committed to maintaining and making enhancements to its existing streets that improve accommodations for all modes of transportation including bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit and motorized vehicles in a manner sensitive to the context of the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Village of Forest Park hereby declares its support of a Complete Streets Policy that encompasses the following:

- A. The Village of Forest Park shall evaluate all future street infrastructure construction and maintenance projects to determine what additional improvements might be necessary to encourage a variety of travel modes by users of all ages and abilities. As part of this evaluation, the Village of Forest Park shall utilize a group of interdisciplinary experts at its disposal including, but not limited to, the Village's staff and consultants, and appropriate representatives from the State of Illinois, Cook County, Metra, Pace, the Chicago Transit Authority, local school districts, and the Park District of Forest Park.

- B. The following roadway projects are exempt from being evaluated as a Complete Streets project, if recommended by the Village Administrator in writing and acknowledged by the Village Council in their approval of any construction contracts:
 - 1. Projects occurring on a roadway where non-motorized use is prohibited by law, such as within interstate highway corridors.
 - 2. The cost for a particular Complete Street design recommendation would be excessive compared to the need or probable use of that particular improvement.
- C. As appropriate, the Village will update existing design manuals, plans, rules, regulations, and programs to reflect the goals of the Complete Streets policy, and develop design guidelines in accordance with the most up-to-date standards, requirements and recommendations as provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
- D. The Village of Forest Park will provide training opportunities to staff and elected officials tasked with implementing the Complete Streets policy.

Section 2. Success of this Complete Streets policy will be evaluated using the following performance measures:

- A. Number of new miles of on-street bike routes defined by streets with clearly marked or signed bicycle accommodations
- B. Number of new accessible curb ramps installed
- C. Number of new bus user related improvements
- D. Modifications to traffic signals
- E. Number of new designated crosswalks, or significant improvements to existing crosswalks
- F. Number of new bike parking spaces created
- G. Increase in the number of bikes parked at bike racks located at transit stations, schools, downtown Forest Park, the Forest Park Public Library and Village Hall

Section 3. If any portion of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that provision or application shall not affect any other section of this Resolution or its application.

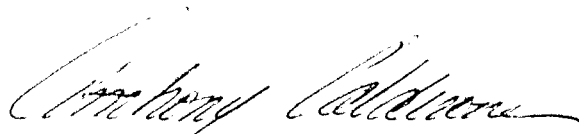
ADOPTED by the Council of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois this 22nd
day of August, 2011.

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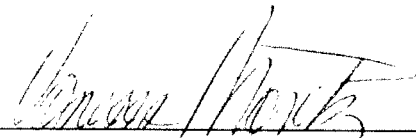
ABSENT: _____ 0 _____

APPROVED by me this 22nd day of August, 2011



Anthony T. Calderone, Mayor

ATTESTED and filed in my office,
AND published in pamphlet form
This 22nd day of August, 2011



Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk