

VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-2

Complete Streets Resolution

Vision

Whereas: The Village of South Chicago Heights, is a historic, stable community that would benefit from safe access to community businesses and destinations, and to provide safe routes for children to get to and from school.

Whereas: The Village of South Chicago Heights envisions transportation improvements as opportunities to connect neighborhoods, calm traffic, and improve safety, provide transportation options to maximize the independence and mobility of its aging population.

Whereas: The Village of South Chicago Heights endeavors toward 21st Century livability standards such as place-based economic development, active lifestyle options, and sensible environmental stewardship.

Users and Modes

A complete street is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for all users of the road and the right of way, including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, freight, and vehicular drivers.

Phases and Projects

Review for consistency with and the potential incorporation of elements to advance the Complete Streets goals shall be applied to all roadway improvement projects, including new construction, reconstruction, street surfacing, grading, and water and sewer projects and into all phases of roadway projects including scoping, programming, planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations.

Exceptions

Exemptions to the Complete Streets Policy must be documented in writing by either the Director of Public Works and/or the Village Engineer with supporting data that indicates the reason for the decision and are limited to the following:

1. Non-motorized users are prohibited on the roadway
2. There is documentation that there is an absence of current and future need.
3. The cost of accommodations for the particular mode is excessively disproportionate to the need and the potential benefit of a project.
4. The project involves ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in acceptable condition, such as cleaning, sealing, spot repairs, patching and surface treatments.
5. An alternate facility has been previously programmed at that location.

Connectivity

Complete Streets can be achieved through network level improvements, through integration into single location projects, or incrementally, through a series of small improvements and maintenance activities. Decisions regarding the public right-of-way shall promote use by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit and motor vehicles, in a safe and effective manner taking into account the surrounding community context and land uses. The Village shall strive to create a comprehensive, integrated and connected network of transportation options for all modes of conveyance, designed and operated to enable appropriate and safe access for all users.

All Agencies

The Village shall take initiative to engage in proactive coordination with private developers and external agencies, including Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways to ensure that roadways and intersections within the Village meet the local community standards in accordance within, regardless of jurisdiction.

Design Guidelines

In order to best balance the needs of all users and provide increased flexibility in design, the Village shall develop design guidelines in accordance with the most up to date standards, requirements and recommendations as provided by, but not limited to:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
 - o Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities
 - o Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities
- National Association of City Transportation Officials – Urban Bikeway Design Guide
- Illinois Department of Transportation – Bureau of Design and Environment Manual
- The Access Board – Pedestrian Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines
- FHWA – PEDSAFE: Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasures Selection System
- Institute of Transportation Engineers – Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach
- American Planning Association
 - o US Traffic Calming Manual
 - o Complete Streets: Best Policy and Implementation Practices
- Cook County – Complete Streets Complete Networks Design Manual

The Village shall also reference applicable local planning documents, such as:

- Village of South Heights Comprehensive Plan

Context

The Village will take a flexible, innovative, and balanced approach to creating context-sensitive Complete Streets that meet or exceed national best-practice guidelines. Design criteria shall not be purely prescriptive but shall be based on the thoughtful application of engineering, architectural, community input, landscaping and design principles.

Performance Standards

In order to evaluate the Village's progress toward implementation of the Complete Streets approach, the Village will use the following performance measures:

- Number of children walking and biking to school
- 5 year plan- Number of miles of sidewalks installed or improved
- Number of ADA domes
- Percentage of use of the 50/50 program
- Bus and other transit usage
- Number of miles of sidewalks installed or improved

Implementation

The Village shall incorporate Complete Streets into budgeting processes, work plans and staffing projections and consider Complete Streets as one of the priorities in roadway planning and funding decisions.

- a. The Public Works Director and/or Building Director will bring any relevant project to the attention of the Complete Streets committee.

- b. The Village management shall prioritize the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation traffic decisions regarding the use of limited public right-of-way, with consideration given to roadway context and land use.
- c. Measures shall be incorporated into relevant plans, manuals, policies, processes and programs. Such plans, manuals, policies, processes and programs shall be reviewed no less than five years. The Village Administrator will report to the Village Board on an annual basis on the progress made in implementing this policy.
- d. The Village management will review and revise as necessary plans, manuals, policies, processes and programs to encourage the implementation of Complete Streets.
- e. Annual progress meetings of the Complete Streets Committee.
- f. The Village shall review the comprehensive plan to create an addendum to include Complete Streets.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, and approval as made and provided by law.

PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.



VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK