

RES. #17-9

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF COMPLETE STREETS POLICY STATEMENT, PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE (ATA)**

WHEREAS, complete streets mean roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle;

WHEREAS, a complete streets policy means a document that provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways or an interconnected network of transportation facilities being constructed or reconstructed and designated for a transportation purpose that promotes complete streets and meets all of the following requirements: (i) is sensitive to the needs of the City of Calumet City; (ii) considers the functional class of the roadway and project costs and allows for appropriate exemptions; (iii) considers the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway, of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers improved health benefits for the population and makes Calumet City a more livable community;

WHEREAS, complete streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois that:

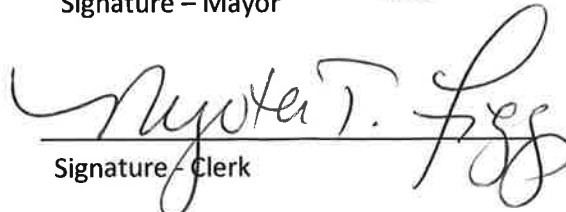
Section 1: To the extent feasible, the City of Calumet City will incorporate complete streets design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation.

Dated this 9th day of March 2017

By: Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
Name – Mayor

  
Signature – Mayor

Attest: Nyota T. Figs  
Name – Clerk

  
Signature – Clerk

## City of Calumet City Draft Complete Streets Policy, May 2016

### **All Users and All Modes and Connectivity:**

The City of Calumet City will accommodate all users of the road, regardless of their age or ability in all roadway projects, so as to create a comprehensive, integrated network for all users.

### **All Phases**

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.

Sections one and two of this policy constitute the principles of the City of Calumet City's Complete Streets policy and shall be applied to all public right-of-way projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, and planning of roadways, intersections, or other transportation facilities. Routes providing access to key destinations, historic districts, sites, faith-based organizations, and significant travelways, as indicated in the City of Calumet City Complete Streets Map shall be prioritized.

### **Exceptions**

Exemptions to the Complete Streets policy must be documented in writing by either the Director of Public Works or City 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 a particular mode is excessively disproportionate to the need and 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.

### **All Agencies**

Planning and Review: The following procedures shall be used in order to ensure that the various projects within the City advance the goals of the Complete Streets Policy:

- A) Other Public Agency projects – The City shall coordinate with external agencies including the Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Cook County Forest Preserve, Calumet Memorial Park District, Thornton Township, neighboring communities, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and Canadian National Railway to ensure that all roadways and intersections within the City of Calumet City meet the local community standards in accordance with this policy, regardless of jurisdiction.

As with the review process for the City of Calumet City projects, outside agency projects will be presented to the City Council and City Engineer for comments and the Complete Streets project checklist will be used to document for review.

- B) Private Development – The City shall review all private development proposals that come before the City Engineer with reference to the incorporation of Complete Streets elements and general consistency with the Complete Streets policy.

Review for Complete Streets consistency will be added to the existing Community and Economic Development and/or Inspectional Services private development review process. This includes consideration of the Complete Streets elements of each development at the City's Council meetings. The Complete Streets project checklist shall be used to assist with and document the Complete Streets review.

#### **Design Standards- Section 4**

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

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
  - Guide to Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities
  - Guide to Development of Bicycle Facilities
  - Roadside Design Guide
- National Association of City Transportation Officials- Urban Bikeway Design Guide
- Illinois Department of Transportation- Bureau of Design and Environmental 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
  - U.S. Traffic Calming Manual
  - Complete Streets: Best Policy and Implementation Practices
- Active Transportation Alliance- Complete Streets Complete Networks
- Illinois Department of Transportation Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction

#### **Community Context-**

The City 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, and design principles as well as the unique characteristics of neighborhoods and roadway classifications in Calumet City.

#### **Performance Standards-**

The City of Calumet City shall document the success of the Complete Streets policy using the following measures:

1. Number of linear feet of new pedestrian accommodations.

2. Number of new and reconstructed curb ramps.
3. Number of new miles of on-street bicycle routes.
4. Number of new or improved bicycle parking spaces.
5. Number of new or improved transit accommodations.

### **Implementation**

With the passage of this section, the Department of Economic Development and the City Engineer shall:

Review and update, as necessary, relevant plans, manuals, rules, regulations, and programs to reflect the principals in this section and in accordance with the most current standards, requirements and recommendations afforded by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials,

The City of Calumet City Public Works Department will have the authority to implement any improvement to the public right of way that conforms to this Complete Streets policy.