
**VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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FOR THE VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Calumet Park and the Complete Streets Program will promote and improve the overall health and safety by designing, creating, and providing walk and bike paths within Calumet Park for safer and alternative means of transportation for all users.

WHEREAS, the Village of Calumet Park will improve economic development by growing our business network, increasing non-motorized traffic in and around our businesses and creating new markets.

WHEREAS, Calumet Park is strongly committed to beautifying its infrastructure and streetscaping elements to retain residents and improve quality of life through the implementation of green infrastructure and low impact development.

WHEREAS, the Village of Calumet Park will plan or design, construct and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system meeting all needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, and motorists. To connect all roadways within the Village of Calumet Park to the Cal-Sag Trail and other regional trails.

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets policy will plan for the design, implementation, and improvement of street scape and the building of transportation amenities throughout the community and key destination points.

WHEREAS, the Village of Calumet Park and the Complete Streets program will promote physical activity by designing and creating walk and bike paths to provide the ability to safely walk and bike throughout the Village to increase exercise.

WHEREAS, Calumet Park is committed to improve health and safety to promote growth in the business community that will attract new businesses to move and help with job opportunities to key destinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Calumet Park, Cook County, Illinois in the exercise of its home rule powers as follows:

Section 1: All Users and Modes. The Village of Calumet Park, where permitted, shall accommodate all users of the road, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, emergency responders and drivers of automobiles and freight vehicles, regardless of their age or ability in all roadway projects, so as to create a comprehensive, integrated network for all modes of transportation.

Section 2: All Phases and Exemptions. The commitment by the Village to accommodate all users of the road shall be integrated into all phases of project design, construction, and maintenance, except where exemptions of this policy apply. 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:

- a. Non-motorized users are prohibited on the roadway.
- b. There is documentation that there is an absence of current and future need.
- c. The cost of accommodations for a particular mode is excessively disproportionate to the need and potential benefit of a project.
- d. The project involves ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in acceptable condition, such as cleaning, spot repairs, patching, and surface treatments.

Section 3: Connectivity. The Village shall take initiative to establish a connected network of Complete Streets that link residences, schools, parks, businesses and transit. Pursuant to this initiative:

- a. The Village shall make an effort to accommodate the safety and access of users of the public way regardless of age, ability or travel mode in future roadway projects including: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and operators, drivers of private automobiles, freight providers and emergency responders.
- b. Future roadway projects shall be used as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for users of the public way and to further integrate bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes into the transportation system.

Section 4: Other Agencies. The Village shall coordinate with external agencies, including the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Cook County Highway Department, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, City of Chicago, City of Blue Island, Metra, Pace, Chicago Transit Authority, school districts, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, to ensure that all roadways and intersections within the Village of Calumet Park meet the local community standards in accordance with this policy, regardless of jurisdiction.

Section 5: Standards. To create a connected network of facilities accommodating each mode of travel that is consistent with and supportive of local community, recognizing that all streets are different and that the needs of various users will need to be balanced in a flexible manner. The Village will generally follow accepted or adopted best practice design standards when implementing improvements intended to fulfill this Complete Streets Policy, but will also consider innovative or non-traditional design options to fit within the context of the community, provide the needed flexibility based on the characteristics of the corridor, and provide a comparable level of safety and connectivity.

Section 6: Context Sensitivity. 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 and design principles.

In planning and implementing street projects, all agencies will maintain sensitivity to local conditions in both residential and business districts within Calumet Park and will work with residents, merchants and other stakeholders to ensure a strong sense of place.

Section 7: Performance Measures. In order to evaluate the Village's progress toward implementation of its Complete Streets approach, the Village will use the following performance measures:

- a. Improvements in safety for all roadway users.
- b. Increased capacity for all modes of transportation.
- c. Total miles of bike facilities built.
- d. Linear feet of new or repaired sidewalks installed and constructed.
- e. Maintenance activities such as repairs to curb ramps and repainted crosswalks.
- f. Number of ADA accommodations built.
- g. Changes in economic activity and property values on or near the Complete Streets Network.
- h. Number of students that walk to school.
- i. Number of students that bike to school.
- j. Dollar amount or percentage of funds used for each mode of transportation.
- k. Percent change in building permit applications.

Staff shall report to the Village Board on an annual basis on the progress made in implementing this policy. Such measures shall be incorporated into relevant plans, rules, processes, and programs and will be reviewed no less than every five years.

Section 8: Implementation. The Village of Calumet Park recognizes that prioritizing the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation traffic in decisions regarding the use of public right of way, and giving consideration to roadway context and land use will require additional measures beyond adoption of this policy. Therefore, it will take the following steps to advance implementation of this policy:

- a. Engage members of the community in the development of an Active Transportation Plan that:
 1. Identifies a network of streets for pedestrians and cyclists that provide access to local and regional destinations.

2. Creates standard design recommendations and cross sections for accommodating cyclists on Calumet Park's residential streets with limited right-of-way.
 3. Suggests improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and transit access.
 4. Outlines additional policies and programs that can support the Village's implementation of Complete Streets.
 5. Prioritizes improvements for the Village to implement over time.
- b. Incorporate Complete Streets into its budgeting process, work plans and staffing projections and consider Complete Streets as one of the priorities in a roadway planning and funding decision, using its Active Transportation Plan as a guide.
 - c. Incorporate criteria outlined in Section 7 of this policy into annual board reports.
 - d. Support opportunities for regular training of engineering consultants, Public Works staff, and elected officials on new advances in Complete Streets implementation.

Section 9: All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 10: If any section, paragraph or clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 11: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this 10th day of March, 2016

Felix Laskey Yes

Robert L. Turner Yes

Dorothy P. Wiggins absent

Cynthia Potts Yes

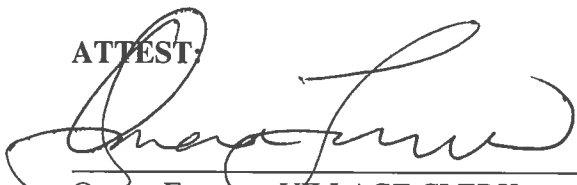
Daniel O. White Yes

Carl Hampton Yes

APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2016

Ronald Denson
Ronald Denson, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Omara Fonseca, VILLAGE CLERK