

RESOLUTION NO. 1096

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTIES OF COOK)
 AND WILL)

A COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION
FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, The Village of Steger is a historic community with both older adults and young families, will promote a healthy and safe street and sidewalk network for our residents and children.

WHEREAS, The Village of Steger will endeavor to improve safe passage to and from schools for children on bicycles and walking.

WHEREAS, The Village endeavors to attract new residents and visitors by enhancing walkability and bike-ability to key destinations.

WHEREAS, The Village wishes to catalyze a pedestrian-friendly downtown commercial sector redevelopment.

WHEREAS, The Village hopes to secure a comprehensive plan that includes strategic prioritization of roadway improvements.

WHEREAS, 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.

The Village of Steger shall 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.

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.

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.

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

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 community documents, such as:

- Downtown Study 2006 (not adopted)
- Chicago Road plans (currently in development)

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.

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

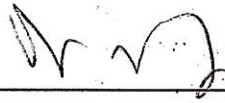
- Number of children walking and biking to school
- Conduct sidewalk inventory and set a performance measure based on current facilities and projected need. Conduct annual evaluation of sidewalk quality and linear feet built.
- Number of ADA domes
- Percentage of use of the 50/50 program
- Bus and other transit usage
- 50/50 façade program architectural standards for new development

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Steger;

- a. 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. For repaving projects, the Public Works Infrastructure Director will bring any relevant project to the attention of the Complete Streets committee.
 - b. For new construction projects, the Public Works Infrastructure Director and/or the Village Administrator 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 will work with CMAP to assess the need for an addendum to the Planning Priority Study.

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

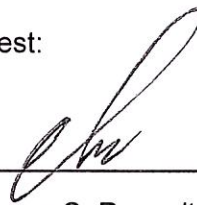
Passed and Approved this 6th day of June, 2016



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr.

Village President

Attest:



Carmen S. Recupito, Jr.

Village Clerk

Roll call vote: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrzynat Buxton

Voting in favor: all

Voting against: none

Not voting: Peterson, absent