

CITY OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION NO. 1256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton adopted the *Hamilton Area Transportation Plan (2009 Update)* on March 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the *Hamilton Area Transportation Plan (2009 Update)* contains Transportation System Management (TSM) recommendations including TSM-26 the preparation of a *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton engaged a qualified consultant to prepare the *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan* which was adopted by the City Council on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Complete Streets policy would help implement the *Transportation Plan* and the *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Hamilton City Council to undertake transportation improvements that are planned, designed and constructed to facilitate active transportation that increases the general health, safety and welfare of the community and is consistent with the *Transportation Plan* and *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Complete Streets policy will establish a clear policy assuring that the needs of adjacent land uses as well as all transportation users including, but not limited to automobile and truck users, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, persons of all ages and abilities and commercial vehicles are considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hamilton City Council hereby adopts the Complete Streets Policy as set forth in Attachment "A" of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2014 after motion and second made at a regular meeting of the City of Hamilton City Council.



By: 
Jerry E. Steele, Mayor

Attest: 
Rose M. Allen, City Clerk

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Attachment A

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Section 1: The City of Hamilton will plan for, design, construct, operate, and maintain appropriate facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, transit vehicles and riders, and users of all ages and abilities, in all new construction and reconstruction projects subject to the exceptions contained herein and within budget constraints.

Complete Streets principles will be applied on new City projects, privately funded development, and incrementally through reconstruction projects where the scope of work to meet Complete Street standards is proportional to the project and meets the need as outlined in the *Hamilton Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*. Consideration of Complete Streets projects will be according to the *Hamilton Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*, the *Hamilton Area Transportation Plan*, available budget, and standard planning and engineering principles related to Complete Streets practices.

Complete Streets principles will be applied in street construction and reconstruction projects except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Complete Street requirements will not be applied when:

1. Cyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the facility. In this case, alternative facilities and accommodations shall be provided within the same transportation corridor.
2. The existing right-of-way does not allow for the accommodation of all users. In this case alternatives shall be explored such as the use of revised travel lane configurations, paved shoulders, signage, traffic calming, education or enforcement to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit, and persons with disabilities.
3. The cost of accommodating all users would be excessively disproportionate to the established need, particularly if alternative facilities are available within a reasonable distance.
4. The construction is not practically feasible or cost effective because of significant adverse environmental impacts; or impact on neighboring land uses, including impact from right of way acquisition.
5. Undertaking ordinary maintenance activities including mill and overlays and repairs irrespective of the cost designed to keep street and other transportation assets in serviceable condition or when interim measures are implemented on temporary detour routes.
6. Implementing public works or utility maintenance activities, including but not limited to: water, sewer, and storm sewer main repairs; installation of new or removal of existing water or sewer service lines; installation or repair of fire hydrants; installation or repair of private utility fixtures.

Excluding exceptions 5 and 6, any project that is determined to be exempt from the Complete Streets principles, based on the above exceptions, must have said determination confirmed by the City Council.

Section 2: Implementation

The City of Hamilton will review, and revise if necessary, the existing transportation rules, regulations, policies, and ordinances in order to comply with this policy. The Public Works Director will prepare any changes to the *Public Works Standards* necessary to implement this policy. Furthermore, the Public Works Director will collect, review, and report progress for planning, budgeting and constructing complete streets to the City Council, in May of each year, to demonstrate the effective implementation of the policy.