RESOLUTION SUBMISSION

MEETING OF: September 21, 2010 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-993

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER: Constance Kepert, District 4

REVISION: Revision September 21, 2010

SHORT TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENACT A COMPLETE STREETS LEGISLATION

DEPARTMENT: TOWN COUNCIL

REASON: To ensure future design and construction of new roads within the Town of Brookhaven for all users including bicyclists, pedestrians as well as motorists.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: NO

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE APPROVAL: YES
DOLLARS INVOLVED: $0

SEQRA REQUIRED: NO
DETERMINATION MADE: NON APPLICABLE
FEIS/FINDINGS FILED:

MM:cb
EXECUTION OF DOCUMENT REQUIRED: NO

Present	Absent		Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Voting
		Councilmember Fiore-Rosenfeld					
		Councilmember Bonner					
		Councilmember Walsh					
		Councilmember Kepert					
		Councilmember Mazzei					
		Councilmember Panico					
		Supervisor Lesko					

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WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, "Sustainable Complete Streets" are defined as Complete Streets with elements of design, construction and operation that also serve environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limit greenhouse gas emissions, and improve the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many studies show that when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking and transit use, more people do so; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities in the Town of Brookhaven should anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, "Sustainable Complete Streets" are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Brookhaven that the Town hereby establishes and adopts a "Sustainable Complete Streets Policy" which policy shall, where context appropriate, provide for the needs of drivers, public transportation vehicles and patrons, bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and whereby all street projects deemed context appropriate by the Commissioner of Planning, inclusive, but not limited to, design, planning, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, or operations, by the Town of Brookhaven and such projects shall be guided by the "Best Practice Design Guidelines for Complete Streets and Sustainable Complete Streets"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Brookhaven shall view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in the Town and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.