

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS
ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WHITE
PLAINS.

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers of various types of vehicles, and riders of public transportation, of all ages and abilities, including children, seniors, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a complete street policy considers the needs of all users of the City's roadways of all ages and abilities including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation and school bus riders, motorists, movers of commercial goods, persons with disabilities, seniors, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and comfortable space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to the public life and the 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, streets are crucial public spaces and comprise a large part of the City of White Plains' total land area, and these street environments influence business opportunities, public welfare, shape resident, visitor and shopper experience and are a platform for community development; and

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the objectives of the National Safe Routes to School Program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for walking, biking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, American Planning Association, American Association of Retired Persons and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals and organizations; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of White Plains, New York, that the City of White Plains hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that

enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers of various types of vehicles, and riders of public transportation, of all ages and abilities, including children, seniors and persons with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of White Plains adopts a complete streets policy and requires the City's Department of Public Works to consider all modes of travel within its projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City's Department of Public Works shall in the planning stage of each project evaluate the feasibility of implementing the complete streets design features which may include sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, lane striping, bicycle lanes, share the road signs, crosswalks, road diets, pedestrian control signalization, bus pull outs and shelters, pedestrian curb ramps, and traffic calming measures; and recognize that the needs of users of the road network vary according to an urban and suburban context; and be it further

RESOLVED, in accordance with the New York State Complete Streets Law, Section 331 of the Highway Law, that the complete streets policy shall not apply if it has been determined that one of the following exists: use by bicyclists and pedestrians is prohibited by law, such as within a limited access highway; or the costs would be disproportionate to the need or demonstrated lack of need as determined by factors including, but not limited to, land use context, current and projected traffic volumes, and population density; or the use of these design features would have an adverse impact on, or be contrary to public safety.

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER } ss.:
CITY OF WHITE PLAINS }

I, the undersigned, City Clerk, of the City of White Plains, NY, do hereby certify that I have compared the proceeding with the original resolution, adopted by the Common Council of the City of White Plains, NY, by a vote of the majority of the members of the Common Council at a Regular Stated Meeting, held the 3rd June 2013 and I do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of White Plains, NY, this 4th June 2013.



Anne M. McPherson, CMC
City Clerk, City of White Plains, NY

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RESOLUTION

in relation to

Resolution of the Common Council of the City of White Plains establishing a Complete Streets Policy for the City of White Plains.

ADOPTED BY THE

COMMON COUNCIL

of the

CITY OF WHITE PLAINS

3rd June 2013

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from the

CITY OF WHITE PLAINS

255 Main Street

White Plains, NY 10601

