

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-09

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, transportation, quality of life, and economic development are all connected through well-planned, well designed, and context sensitive transportation solutions; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for all users of the road, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield views all transportation improvements as opportunities to connect neighborhoods, calm traffic and improve safety, provide greater access and mobility for users of the public way, and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield Comprehensive Plan promotes a transportation principal that Deerfield residents should be able to drive, walk, or bike safely and conveniently throughout the Village for daily needs and activities; and

WHEREAS, numerous jurisdictions in the United States have adopted Complete Streets Policies, including the State of Illinois, the Counties of Cook and DuPage, the Cities of Champaign, Chicago and Des Plaines, and the Villages of Arlington Heights, Oak Park and Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to adopt a Village of Deerfield Complete Streets Policy ("*Policy*"), pursuant to which decisions regarding the public right-of-way will promote the creation of Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that approving and adopting the Policy will serve and be in the best interest of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF DEERFIELD, LAKE AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as findings of the Village Board.

SECTION TWO: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF POLICY. The Village Board hereby approves and adopts the Policy in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers

NAYS: None

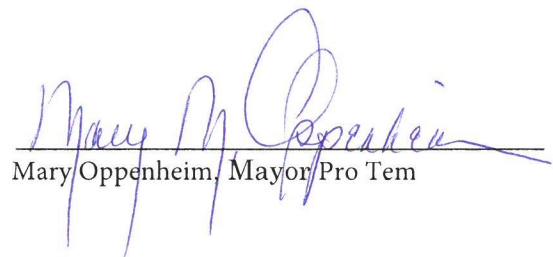
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PASSED: April 1, 2019

APPROVED: April 2, 2019

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Mary Oppenheim, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Kent S. Street, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

I. POLICY GOALS.

Complete Streets can be achieved through network level improvements, through integration into single location projects, or incrementally, through a series of small improvements or 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.

II. POLICY APPLICABILITY.

The Complete Streets policy shall be applied to all projects involving roadway improvements and the movement of people when feasible. It is understood that there may be circumstances in which it may not be practical or feasible to apply the Policy.

Such circumstances include the following:

- a. The scope of the relevant project is limited to maintenance activities intended to keep the roadway in serviceable condition.
- b. There is sufficient documentation that there is no feasible way to accommodate improvements for non-vehicular traffic with a project's scope.
- c. There is no documented or anticipated need for accommodations of non-motorized roadway user or the road is not a current or planned transit route.
- d. The cost for a particular Complete Street design recommendation would be excessively disproportionate to the need of that particular improvement, with due consideration given to future users, latent demand, and the social and economic value of providing a safer and more convenient transportation system for all users.
- e. Documented environmental constraints or unsafe transportation issue. A "fee in lieu of " by the applicant to the Village may be considered so that other areas in the community could benefit from complete streets elements. However, a written request justifying the reasons why a project cannot incorporate complete streets elements must be reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee and approved by the Village Board.

III. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS.

The following procedures shall be used in order to ensure that the various projects within the City advance the goals of the Complete Streets Policy.

- a. ***Village of Deerfield Projects:*** Timing the planning and design phase of any public transportation improvement project, the Complete Streets Committee, which shall consist of the Village Manager (or her designee), Director of Public Works (or her designee), Chief of Police (or her designee), and Director of Community Development

shall conduct a review of the project relating to the incorporation of Complete Streets elements into the project. The review shall be made with reference to current best practices, as detailed in the reference materials and design guidelines listed in Section 4, and a recommendation shall be forwarded to the Village Board. A Complete Streets project checklist shall be developed and used to assist with and to document the Complete Streets review.

- b. ***Other Public Agency Projects:*** The Village shall coordinate with external agencies, including the Illinois Department of Transportation, Lake County Division of Transportation, and Cook County Division of Transportation and Highways to provide such Complete Streets technical assistance as is accepted by the other agencies. As with the review process for the Village of Deerfield projects, outside agency projects will be reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee for comments at the regular Complete Streets meeting.
- c. ***Private Development Projects:*** The Village shall review all private development proposals with reference to the incorporation of Complete Streets elements and general consistency with the Complete Streets Policy. Review for complete streets consistency will be added to the existing Community Development private development review process. The Village shall establish a Complete Streets project checklist, which shall be used to assist with and document the Complete Streets review process. Any private development that is unable to incorporate complete street elements and does not meet the applicability standards as outlined in Section 2, may seek relief by providing written justification that must be reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee and approved by the Village Board.

IV. STANDARDS.

To create a connected network of facilities accommodating each mode of travel that is consistent with and supportive of the 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.

The Village will provide training opportunities to staff and elected officials tasked with implementing the Complete Streets policy as needed. All relevant Village staff shall review and update as necessary their plans, manuals, rules, regulations, and programs to reflect the principals of this Complete Streets Policy.

V. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING.

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

- 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.
- b. Staff shall prioritize the safe movement of pedestrians, bicycle and public transportation traffic in decisions regarding the use of limited public right-of-way, with consideration given to roadway context and land use.
- c. Improvements in safety for all roadway users; increased capacity for all modes of transportation; miles of new and repaired bicycle facilities; blocks of new and repaired sidewalks; number of new and repaired marked street crossings; amount of new and repaired signage; number of new and repaired curb ramps. Such measures shall be incorporated into relevant plans, manual, policies, processes and programs. Such plans, manual, rules, processes, and programs shall be reviewed no less than five years. Staff shall report to the Village Board on an annual basis on the progress made in implementing this policy.
- d. Staff 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.