

City of New Hope

Resolution No. 2011-___

Resolution supporting Complete Streets and directing staff and the Citizens Advisory Commission to draft a Complete Streets policy and implementation plan

- WHEREAS, Complete Streets are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and personal, emergency and commercial vehicles and are conducive to efficient movement and mobility of people and goods; and,
- WHEREAS, by integrating a number of infrastructure improvements such as wide sidewalks, pedestrian buffer zones, bike facilities and trails, transit shelters and connections, safe crossings and smaller vehicle lanes into the initial design of street projects, the city can avoid the expensive of retrofits and, in some instances, may save money on capital and maintenance costs; and,
- WHEREAS, Complete Streets supports national and local health efforts by recognizing the linkages between the built environment and human health; and,
- WHEREAS, by providing infrastructure networks for all users, Complete Streets aims to encourage non-motorized transportation and recreation, thereby helping to reduce rates of obesity and related diseases such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease; and,
- WHEREAS, a resolution was passed by the Minnesota state legislature in 2010 supporting Complete Streets and similar resolutions and policies have been adopted by Hennepin County and a number of Minnesota cities as well as the United States Department of Transportation, multiple states and cities nationwide; and,
- WHEREAS, the city's Comprehensive Plan supports the promotion of pedestrian/bicycle movement throughout the city, an active and healthy community, and environmentally friendly development design; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the city of New Hope, Hennepin County, Minnesota, that the city affirms its support of the concept of Complete Streets and the need to provide transportation networks for all users, of all ages and abilities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorize the Citizens Advisory Commission and staff to draft a Complete Streets policy and implementation plan. This may include adoption of a standalone policy and amendments to the city's Comprehensive Plan, Code and Capital Improvement Program. The policy and implementation plan will aim to:

1. Serve as a set of guiding principles to design, construct, operate and maintain the city's transportation system to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users, of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and personal, commercial and emergency vehicles.
2. Create a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network planned for people and incorporate Complete Streets principles into existing policies and plans.
3. Provide flexibility within the policy to allow exceptions from Complete Street principles in unusual, unexpected or financially onerous circumstances or in instances in which Complete Streets improvements do not fit in with the context of the neighborhood.
4. To the extent possible, apply Complete Street policies to both new and retrofit projects.
5. Implement additional opportunities for public input on street and infrastructure improvement projects.
6. Provide analysis of capital and maintenance costs and outline plans for sustainable funding sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council encourages residents, nonprofits, businesses, cities, counties, and the state and federal government to work together to make Complete Streets a reality and success throughout New Hope and Minnesota.

Adopted by the City Council of the city of New Hope, Hennepin County, Minnesota, this 10th day of January, 2011.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk