

15. ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, COMPLETE STREETS ARE STREETS THAT PROVIDE SAFE, COMFORTABLE, AND CONVENIENT ACCESS FOR USERS OF ALL ABILITIES AND ALL MODES INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, AND TRANSIT RIDERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S COMPLETE STREETS POLICY WILL FOCUS ON DEVELOPING A CONNECTED, INTEGRATED NETWORK THAT SERVES ALL ROAD USERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S COMPLETE STREETS VISION IS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE STREETS NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE TOWN TO CREATE A MORE BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; AND

WHEREAS, THE GOALS OF THIS POLICY ARE AS FOLLOWS: TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED, AND CONNECTED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK THAT SUPPORTS COMPACT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDES LIVABLE COMMUNITIES; TO ENSURE SAFETY, EASE OF USE, AND EASE OF TRANSFER BETWEEN MODES FOR ALL USERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; AND TO PROVIDE CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN FLEXIBILITY FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF STREETS, AREAS, AND USERS.

WHEREAS, COMPLETE STREETS SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITY STABILITY BY PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE AND EFFICIENT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HOME, SCHOOL, WORK, RECREATION AND RETAIL DESTINATIONS BY IMPROVING THE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ENVIRONMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. IN HAVERSTRAW, COMPLETE STREETS WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO POLICIES, PLANNING, AND DESIGN OF ALL TYPES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS, INCLUDING NEW CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ON STREETS AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM OUTLINES AN APPROACH FOR AN IMPROVED, TRANSPARENT PROCESS TO PROMOTING SHARED ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW STRIVES TO USE THE BEST AND LATEST DESIGN GUIDELINES, STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AVAILABLE WHEN CONSIDERING METHODS OR PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT FLEXIBILITY WITHIN SAFE DESIGN PARAMETERS AND BALANCED DESIGN SOLUTIONS BETWEEN THE USER AND MODAL NEEDS. A BALANCED APPROACH CONSIDERS ASPECTS SUCH AS STREET DESIGN AND WIDTH, DESIRED OPERATING SPEED, HIERARCHY OF STREETS, CONNECTIVITY, WAYFINDING SIGNS AND SIGNAL VARIATION FROM A HUMAN SCALE FOR THE NEEDS AND COMFORTS OF ALL USERS. THE TOWN WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW ACCEPTED OR ADOPTED DESIGN STANDARDS WHEN IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS INTENDED TO FULFILL THIS COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND WILL CONSIDER INNOVATIVE OR NON-TRADITIONAL DESIGN OPTIONS WHERE A COMPARABLE LEVEL OF SAFETY FOR USERS IS PRESENT. DESIGN CRITERIA SHALL BE BASED ON THE THOUGHTFUL APPLICATION OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES IN ADDITION TO PRESCRIPTIVE GUIDELINES. BEST PRACTICES IN POLICIES, DESIGN CRITERIA, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES RELATED TO STREET DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING: GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO); AND

WHEREAS, THE COMPLETE STREET PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH AND ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER ADOPTED POLICY DOCUMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, NEW YORK STATE PASSED THE COMPLETE STREETS LAW IN 2011 THAT REQUIRES THAT COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN GUIDELINES BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAYS RECEIVING FEDERAL AND STATE

FUNDING; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR COMPLETE STREETS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S GOVERNING BODY HEREBY ADOPTS THE COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM POLICY TO ENHANCE SHARED ACCESS WITHIN THE TOWN AND TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS RESIDENTS.

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