



August 12, 2015

Cape Coral Mayor and City Council Members
1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

On the agenda for your August 17 Council meeting is the City's proposed Complete Streets Resolution. We offer our enthusiastic support for this resolution and its future implementation within the City of Cape Coral. As a coalition dedicated to streets that are designed, built, operated and maintained for safe and convenient travel for all users, the BikeWalkLee coalition is a strong supporter of this Resolution for many reasons.

Reasons to adopt the Complete Streets Resolution:

1. Complete Streets save taxpayers money. "Doing it right the first time" means addressing the needs of all users at the front-end. This is the key to a cost-effective approach.
2. This Resolution is the logical next step in the efforts you've had underway over the past four years to improve biking and walking facilities and enhance the safety of users in Cape Coral. The Resolution provides a framework for the many activities you have underway that are all aimed at making Cape Coral a bike/ped-friendly community.
3. Having a Complete Streets policy positions the city as a leader within Southwest Florida to develop the highly desirable "livable communities" that are sought by people from across the nation and the world.
4. By adopting this Resolution, Cape Coral will join the other Southwest Florida jurisdictions and agencies that have adopted complete streets policies. This lays the groundwork for a new level of collaboration between cities, counties, and MPOs. This is especially powerful because Complete Streets are most effective when contiguous governments can work together in achieving the principles and goals.
5. Finally, this Resolution positions Cape Coral to implement FDOT's new guidelines that will be issued this Fall. These guidelines are part of FDOT's implementation of its 2014 Complete Streets Policy, championed by District 1 Secretary Billy Hattaway.

We urge you to support the Complete Streets Resolution at your August 17, meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Darla Letourneau and Steve Chupack
On behalf of BikeWalkLee