

RESOLUTION 124 - 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL ESTABLISHING A “COMPLETE STREETS” POLICY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” means roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide access to all users in a manner that promotes safe, efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, foot, or bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the City of Cape Coral to be a livable community that is bicycle-pedestrian friendly, with interconnecting sidewalks, pathways, and public transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a flexible, context sensitive, multi-modal approach that implements safe and convenient access for transportation users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motor vehicles drivers, and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation improves community health, recreational and social activities, and community aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets promote safe walking and bicycling options for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has adopted a Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopted the Lee County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners adopted a Complete Streets resolution urging all cities and towns within Lee County to embrace and adopt Complete Streets guidelines and policies and integrate them into their standard street design and operations; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of bike and pedestrian safety improvements and guiding principles of this resolution will further support the City’s long standing practice of providing transportation options for all users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City affirms that all road projects should be designed to accommodate all anticipated users and that context based bicycle and pedestrian facilities shall be established in new construction, reconstruction, repaving and rehabilitation as allowable and appropriate. Under the Complete Street approach, the City should:

- a. Address the needs of all users in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of all street projects, using context sensitive design principles.
- b. Consider existing natural systems in the earliest phases of design, planning, and implementation of complete streets using green infrastructure, low impact development techniques, and the use of canopy trees for bike and pedestrian ways, and when possible, transit stops.
- c. Balance the needs of all transportation modes with community values, fiscal constraint, public safety, environmental protection and historic preservation.
- d. Develop design solutions that use a context-sensitive approach using the latest and best management practices that connect land use and transportation needs while remaining flexible to the unique circumstances of different streets.
- e. Encourage staff professional development and training on multi-modal transportation issues.
- f. Identify current and potential sources of funding for roadway improvements in support of Complete Streets projects.
- g. Develop an interdepartmental review team comprised of Public Works, Community Development and Parks and Recreation.

Section 2. To the extent practical the City will incorporate a flexible Complete Streets program into the design, development, construction, operation, maintenance and implementation of policies and programs affecting all City property (including, but not limited to, parks and roadways) to create a connected network of facilities accommodating all users.

Section 3. Among the resources to be used as reference are: 1) the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Bike Guide; (2) the National Association of City Transportation Engineers (NACTO) Bike Guide; and (3) the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares Guide* to further develop non-motorized transportation networks within the City

Section 4. The City will support and encourage coordination with its citizens, partnering agencies and organizations to provide public awareness of the benefits Complete Streets provide to the community.

Section 5. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL AT ITS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

MARNI L. SAWICKI, MAYOR


VOTE OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

SAWICKI _____
BURCH _____
CARIOSCIA _____
NESTA _____
LEON _____
ERBRICK _____
WILLIAMS _____
DONNELL _____

ATTESTED TO AND FILED IN MY OFFICE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

REBECCA VAN DEUTEKOM,
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DOLORES D. MENENDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY
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