

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST

A Resolution Establishing and Adopting Sustainable Complete Streets Policy

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are defined as streets that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using a variety of modes of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, foot, bicycle, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Complete Streets are defined as Complete Streets with elements of design, construction and operation that also serve environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets design features and practices include, but are not limited to sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, “share the road” signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian crossing signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal, and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to public life and the efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways can increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limit greenhouse gas emission and improve the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy at federal, state, county, town,

village and city levels of government in the interest of improving safety and accessibility for all users;
and

WHEREAS, the Town of North East could explore the maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within the Town and address issues of these amenities as needed; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new and existing roads in the Town of North East should anticipate future demand for hiking, biking, walking and other alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Complete Streets programs are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association, the State of New York and many other transportation planning and public health professionals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of North East will, to the extent practical, reasonable and affordable, view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in the Town of North East and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of North East will make Complete Streets practices an important part of everyday operations, will approach every transportation development project and program as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users, and will work in coordination with other department, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of North East will consider incorporating Complete Streets design features and practices in planning, design, approval and implementation process for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges or other portions of the transportation network whenever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

This motion was offered by Town Board member John Midwood and was seconded by Town Board member Ralph Fedele.


MOTION: Councilman Midwood

SECOND: Councilman Fedele

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| SUPERVISOR KENNAN | Voted AYE |
| COUNCILMAN FEDELE | Voted AYE |
| COUNCILMAN KAYE | Voted AYE |
| COUNCILMAN MIDWOOD | Voted AYE |
| COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON | Voted AYE |

The Resolution was carried by a 5-0 vote of the Town Board members on April 16, 2020.

I certify that the following is a true copy as recorded in the minutes.



Gail Wheeler,
Town Clerk, Town of North East