

TOWN OF NORTH EAST

RESOLUTION #122022 ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A 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 the 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 will consider Complete Streets opportunities at each Town Board meeting where the Highway Superintendent, Zoning Board of Appeals, or Planning Board initiates a planning project or presents planned work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every year by September 30, the Highway Superintendent will prepare a list of planned road construction or reconstruction. At its next scheduled meeting, the Town Board will review planned road work for adherence to Complete Streets principles, identifying and encouraging appropriate Complete Streets design opportunities such as those attached here as Exhibit A. Unplanned repairs and maintenance throughout the year will continue to be the responsibility of the Highway Superintendent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that exceptions may be considered when:

1. The cost of providing accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use.
2. The existing and planned population, employment densities, traffic volumes, etc. around a particular facility is so low as to demonstrate an absence of current and future need.
3. The work is routine maintenance that does not change the facility's operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot pavement repair. Capital road projects: (e.g., resurfacing, pavement markings, overlays, etc.) are not exempted, as they may provide opportunities for improvements to shoulder widths and/or conditions, pavement markings and signage.
4. There is a reasonable and equivalent project near the facility under consideration that is already programmed to provide the accommodations promoted by this Guideline.
5. The accommodations are not practical in the context of the project under consideration.
6. In its review of a project, the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Town Board has determined that this Guideline, in part or in its entirety, cannot be implemented, and

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

Motion made by Councilman Midwood, and seconded by Councilman Cooper.

A vote followed:

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| SUPERVISOR KENNAN | AYE |
| COUNCILMAN FEDELE | AYE |
| COUNCILMAN MIDWOOD | AYE |
| COUNCILWOMAN MORRISON | AYE |
| COUNCILMAN COOPER | AYE |

The Resolution was carried by a 5-0 vote of the Town board and was declared duly adopted.

Dated February 10, 2022



Elizabeth Strauss, Town Clerk of North East

EXHIBIT A

This document is to be used as an aid in incorporating Complete Streets design features and practices into the workings of the Town of North East.

COMPLETE STREETS PRINCIPLES

Sustainable Complete Streets are defined as Complete Streets with elements of design, construction and operation that also serve environmental sustainability. Keep in mind the following principles while considering their implementation into a project. Will it:

- Encourage multi modal transportation
- Improve accessibility
- Improve bicycle safety
- Improve pedestrian safety

COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN CONSIDERATION CHECKLIST

When in planning, design, approval and implementation process for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance project, consider if the following, Complete Streets Design features, but not limited to, could be included:

- Sidewalk with ADA compliant curb ramps
- Marked crosswalk with signage
- Signalized crosswalk
- Reduced speed limit
- Speed bumps
- Visual street markings
- Audible signals
- Shared lane markings / signs
- Bike lanes
- Multi-use path physically separated from motor vehicle traffic
- Bicycle parking
- Narrower traffic lanes
- Landscaping including street trees
- Street furniture