

RESOLUTION

(To Adopt a Complete Streets Policy)

**City of Zeeland
County of Ottawa, Michigan**

Portions of minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Zeeland, County of Ottawa, Michigan, held in the City Hall in said City on March 4, 2013, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Council Members Mayor Klynstra, Gruppen, Broersma, VanDorp,
Kass, Timmer and Wilson

ABSENT: Council Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Wilson
and supported by Council Member VanDorp.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a Complete Streets study;

AND WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities;

AND WHEREAS, the development of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure offers long-term cost savings and opportunities to create safe and convenient non-motorized travel;

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

AND WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (e.g. walking, bicycling, and use of public transportation) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equality, and more livable communities;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Zeeland recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and amenities such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, accessible curb ramps, pedestrian signals, signs, bicycle parking facilities, public transportation stops and facilities, and other features assisting which are necessary for safe, convenient and comfortable travel by all users;

AND WHEREAS, Complete Streets' policies have been and continue to be adopted nation-wide at state, county, MPO, and municipal levels;

AND WHEREAS, in response to the Complete Streets' initiative, the state of Michigan has stated that a community's Master Plan shall include all components of a transportation system, and shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in a manner appropriate to the community and in consideration of the needs of all users;

AND WHEREAS, a Complete Streets Policy will promote the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Zeeland hereby approves and adopts the following Complete Streets Policy:

**“CITY OF ZEELAND, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Purpose

The City of Zeeland will plan for, design, and construct all capital transportation projects (new construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation projects) to provide the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by automobile, truck, assistive device, foot, bicycle, or other legal and authorized means of travel within the City of Zeeland.

Definitions

When used in this policy, the following words or terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) “Complete Streets” means roadways, paths and sidewalks that are planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by automobile, truck, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.
- (2) “Municipality” means the City of Zeeland.
- (3) “Roadways” means highways and streets located within the boundaries of the public right-of-way and easements.

Complete Streets Improvements

It is the policy of the City of Zeeland to require the planning, design, and construction of all transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodations for all legal motorized users, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and individuals of all ages and abilities in accordance with the City of Zeeland's Master Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation, Capital Improvement Plan, Downtown Vision Plan, and Strategic Action Plan. As a result of this policy:

- (1) The City of Zeeland will develop a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan that will include, at a minimum, recommendations for accessibility, sidewalks, curb ramps and cuts, trails, pathways, signage, bike lanes, and other components in order to maximize the opportunity to establish walkable and bikeable roadways within the limits the City of Zeeland. This Non-Motorized Transportation Plan will be reviewed every five (5) years in conjunction with the review of the City's Master Plan.
- (2) The City of Zeeland's Master Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Downtown Vision Plan, Strategic Action Plan and recommendations therein, shall be referenced and considered during the planning and design (prior to construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation) of capital improvement projects within the limits of the City of Zeeland.

- (3) The City of Zeeland's Master Plan and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan will include increased methods for collaboration between internal city departments and external agencies.
- (4) Guidelines from the most current editions of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCO), the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Standard Plans and Specifications for Construction shall also be referenced and considered in the plan for, design, and construction of Complete Streets improvements.
- (5) Context sensitive solutions and design will be considered to create roadway improvements that blend current aesthetics and infrastructure needs to meet the future needs of the City of Zeeland.
- (6) It is the intent of the City of Zeeland to fund the implementation of Complete Streets' improvements within the financial means of the City, which shall include expending State Act 1 Funds that are received annually by the City in accordance with Public Act 135 of 2010, as amended.

Complete Streets' Exceptions

Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and people of all ages and abilities are not required to be provided in instances where a documented exception is recommended by the City Manager and granted by the City Council, based on the findings of one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) where an establishment would be contrary to public health and safety;
- (2) when the cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;
- (3) when the cost would result in an unacceptable diminishing of other City services;
- (4) where there is no identified long-term need or use;
- (5) where the length of the project does not permit a meaningful addition to the non-motorized network; or,
- (6) where construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of the roadway and right-of-way is due to an emergency or immediate threat of imminent danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the traveling public."

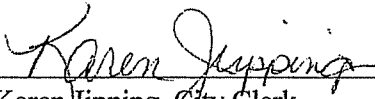
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Council Members Timmer, VanDorp, Wilson, Broersma,
Browsersma, Gruppen and Klynstra

NAYS: Council Members None

ABSENT: Council Members None

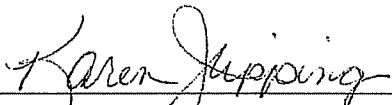
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Karen Jipping, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Zeeland, County of Ottawa, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Karen Jipping, City Clerk