

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT OF COMPLETE STREETS PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, the City of Avon Lake has long been a proponent of accommodating all modes of transportation within the public right-of-way, including but not limited to travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency, and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of meeting the transportation needs of all its citizens by providing street networks that safely connect to all properties, creating a more livable and welcoming community to all citizens, regardless of age or ability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon Lake's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Thoroughfare Plan provide guidance and direction consistent and compatible with Complete Streets principles, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets Principles include right-of-ways that are planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in such a way as to enable safe, comfortable, and convenient access along and across the right-of-way by users of all ages and abilities, including but not limited to, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, emergency, freight, and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, continued support of Complete Streets principles enhances and increases the overall capacity of the City's transportation network for all users; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that non-motorized transportation options are an important means of transportation, with significant benefits for the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are context sensitive, so that the street design complements and enhances the surrounding land use and community character; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets principles may include facilities and amenities, including but not limited to: sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements such as medians, curb extensions and crosswalks; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible curb ramps and accessible pedestrian signals; transit shelters and signs and improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit stops and stations; bicycle detection at intersections and wide travel lanes, bike lanes, or shared use lanes; bicycle parking facilities; street trees, landscaping, street lighting, street furniture; pavement markings and signs; and adequate drainage facilities, including opportunities for storm water quality treatment facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section No. 1: City Council supports Complete Streets that are planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in such a way as to enable safe, comfortable, and convenient access along and across the right-of-way by users of all ages and abilities, including but not limited to, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, emergency, freight, and commercial vehicle operators;

Section No. 2: City Council directs City Departments to consider Complete Streets principles in the transportation planning process in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of new and reconstruction transportation projects in the public right-of-way.

Section No 3: City Council directs City Departments to consider Complete Streets principles that may include facilities and amenities, including but not limited to: sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements such as medians, curb extensions and crosswalks; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible curb ramps and accessible pedestrian signals; transit shelters and signs and improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit stops and stations; bicycle detection at intersections and wide travel lanes, bike lanes, or shared use lanes; bicycle parking facilities; street trees, landscaping, street lighting, street furniture; pavement markings and signs; and adequate drainage facilities, including opportunities for storm water quality treatment facilities when evaluating private development proposals.

Section No. 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section No. 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the necessity to provide safe and effective transportation for all modes of transportation.

PASSED: 2/28/2022

/s/ Martin E. O'Donnell
President of Council

POSTED: 3/04/2022

APPROVED: 3/01/2022

ATTEST: /s/Valerie E. Rosmarin
Clerk of Council

/s/ Gregory J. Zilka
Mayor