

A RESOLUTION

Of the Council of the City of Holland, Michigan

Supporting a "Complete Streets" Policy for the City of Holland

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Holland, Ottawa and Allegan Counties, Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers of City Hall of the City of Holland on the 20th day of April, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Dykstra, Council Members De Boer, Peters, Burch, Vande Vusse, Whiteman and Hoekstra.

ABSENT: Council Member Trethewey

MOTION BY: Council Member Whiteman

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Peters

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, "Complete Streets" are achieved when communities routinely plan, design, construct, re-construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, automobiles, and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, 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 transit, are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; 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 equity, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools program and for seniors, as promoted through the Holland community's 2009 "Blueprint for Action: Preparing for Aging in Holland"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications 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 in the provision of safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland and area-wide planning activities have embraced and supported enhanced pedestrian, biking, and transit access through adopted documents that include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- City of Holland Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (adopted by City Council in 2006),
- City of Holland's Sharpening the Vision Downtown Strategic Plan and Master Plan Update (2007),
- City of Holland's Neighborhood Master Planning including the Central Neighborhoods (2002), the South End (2000 and 2005), Holland Hospital Area (2005), and Holland Heights (2007),
- Ottawa County's Non-Motorized Pathways Study (2002), and
- the Macatawa River Greenway Master Plan as supported by the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, Ottawa County, and numerous area municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland, through its Departments of Transportation Services and Community and Neighborhood Services, the City Manager's Office, and several Boards, Commissions, and City Council, has been proactive and increasingly committed to encouraging and constructing streets and ways consistent with the objectives of "Complete Streets" wherever feasible; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" have been and continue to be adopted nation-wide at state, county, MPO, and municipal levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulation that guides transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, in response to the "Complete Streets" initiative, the State of Michigan adopted amendments to the Planning Enabling Act (PA 33) and transportation focused PA 51 in 2010 stating that a community's Master Plan shall include all components of a transportation system and their interconnectivity, and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in a manner appropriate to the community and that considers the needs of all users; and

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic Committee considered this Resolution on March 10, 2011 and supported its forwarding to the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City's Planning Commission considered this Resolution on April 12, 2011 and supported its forwarding to City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOLLAND RESOLVES:

FIRST: That the Council of the City of Holland hereby declares its support of "Complete Streets" policies.

SECOND: The Council of the City of Holland will evaluate and to the extent practicable incorporate "Complete Streets" design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation, and will encourage partners in such projects including but not limited to the State Department of Transportation, the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, Ottawa and Allegan Counties, and others to do likewise.

THIRD: The Council of the City of Holland supports the continued development of the City's Master Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan, and Parks and Recreation Plan that support the ease of use, safety, and accessibility for all users within the City of Holland.

FOURTH: The Council of the City of Holland will review further guidance in this matter from the Michigan Department of Transportation as it becomes available.

AYES: Council Members De Boer, Peters, Burch, Vande Vusse, Whiteman, Hoekstra and Mayor Dykstra

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTIES OF OTTAWA AND ALLEGAN)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Holland, Counties of Ottawa and Allegan, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Holland at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of April, 2011, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 21st day of April, 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Perales", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Anna Perales, Acting City Clerk

