

Village of Sidney, New York
Village Board Meeting October 24, 2016
Adoption of a "Complete Streets" Policy

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee Crawford seconded the following resolution;

Whereas Chapter 398 of the Laws of NY defines "Complete Streets" as roadways that are safe, convenient, and comfortable for citizens of all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation, including children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, cyclists, users of public transportation, and all others with approval from the Village of Sidney Department of Public Works and the Village Board; and,

Whereas, "Complete Streets" has been recognized and adopted as policy and law at federal, state, county, town, village, and city levels in the interest in improving multi-modal transportation options, safety, and accessibility for all users; and,

Whereas, "Complete Streets" was given the force of the law in New York State with the passage of the Complete Streets Act in August of 2011 (S05411A/A083667), taking effect on February 15, 2012; and,

Whereas, the law defines the responsibilities of New York State Department of Transportation and local agencies that undertake street projects to consider "Complete Streets" designs through the use of "Complete Streets" design features in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of such projects; and,

Whereas, "Complete Streets" design features and practices accommodate and facilitate convenient access and mobility by all users and include, but need not be limited to sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share the road signage, crosswalks, road diets, ramps, pedestrian control signals, pedestrian control signage, bus pull-outs, traffic calming measures, curb cuts and bump-outs, center islands and pavement markers, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance, and with the approval of the Village of Sidney Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, and Village Board; and,

Whereas, care should be given to ensure roadways in the downtown area are designated to fit their setting with approval of the of the Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, and Village Board; and,

Whereas, well-marked pedestrian crossings, raised/paved crossings, sidewalks, street trees can work to improve safety while maintaining a pleasant, small Village feel; and rural roads can be completed by providing wide shoulders to allow safe bicycling and walking with approval of the Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, and Village Board; and,

Whereas, attractive and pedestrian friendly streets and roadways are an integral part of the Village's character and contribute greatly to the physical setting and quality of its neighborhoods and commercial districts- improving real estate values, commercial and economic viability, neighborhood health and resident quality of life; and,

Whereas, the Village of Sidney recognizes that adopting a "Complete Streets" policy will increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation, increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network,

incorporate traffic calming actions, increase safety for children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, cyclists, users of public transportation, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve rate of physical activity and related health outcomes, improve social and economic interactions, create a stronger sense of community while strengthening the local economy; and,

Whereas, the Village of Sidney has the ability to partner with state agencies, municipal boards and departments, local organizations and groups to explore the develop best practices related to "Complete Streets" concepts where feasible; now therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Village of Sidney hereby establishes and adopts a "Complete Streets" Policy whereby through planning, design, and construction of new streets and street reconstruction undertaken by and in the Village of Sidney will be executed with approval from the Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, and Village Board, in a balanced, responsible and equitable way that will enable safe travel by all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers and people of all ages and abilities; and,

Be it Further Resolved that the Village of Sidney will make "Complete Streets" practices a routine part of the Village's operation and procedures and will approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public and private roadways and the transportation network for all users, and will work in coordination with Village Department boards, and committees, to achieve "Complete Street" practices; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Department of Public Works will follow, to the extent practical, accepted design standards when implementing improvements intended to fulfill the "Complete Streets" policy. In cases where the existing right of way does not allow for sidewalks, bike lanes, paths or other improvements, potential alternatives may include appropriate use of paved shoulders, signage, and other traffic calming measures; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Village of Sidney will incorporate "Complete Streets" design features and practices in the planning, design, approval and implementation process for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of roadways, streets and bridges or other portions of the transportation whenever feasible; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Village of Sidney will advise the New York State Department of Transportation and Delaware County Highway Department of the Village's "Complete Streets" policy to encourage the practice on their respective roadways in Sidney; and,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Village of Sidney will incorporate "Complete Streets" policies and practices in the future planning and policy documents, where approved by the Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, and Village Board. All ayes, Carried.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Village Board of the Village of Sidney herby certify that the above is a Resolution adopted by the Village Board on the 24th day of October 2016.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the Village of Sidney, County of Delaware this 25th day of October, 2016.


