



Resolution Supporting the Development of Complete Streets Policies

WHEREAS, 2010 PA 134 and 135 defines "Complete Streets" to mean "roadways 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 car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle"; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has passed Complete Streets legislation that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation to consider all users in transportation related projects and work with local municipalities to include planning for Complete Streets in their transportation programming; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets policy provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways and/or an interconnected network of transportation facilities that promotes complete streets; and

WHEREAS increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, bicycling, and public transportation) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced connectivity, and makes Kalamazoo County a more livable community; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhances safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools program; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County recognizes and appreciates the challenges facing the units of local government to continuously balance ever-increasing duties to provide services and infrastructure to the public while exercising sound fiscal decisions with ever-shrinking availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County recognizes and appreciates the unique determinations, evaluations, insights, and judgments that the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS), the Kalamazoo County Board of Road Commissioners, the Cities, Townships and Villages, contribute to developing and implementing a set of Complete Streets Policies within our County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that it is important and beneficial for the County to add its voice to the discussions surrounding the Complete Street Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the development and implementation of Complete Streets Policies that provide the highest access to our roadways (for both motorized and non-motorized travel) that is reasonably possible while maintaining sound and prudent fiscal spending practices and encourages the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and other local transportation agencies to also develop and implement Complete Streets Policies in this manner.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on July 5, 2016


Timothy A. Snow
County Clerk/Register