

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 11:15**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the safety, convenience, and comfort of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians- including people requiring mobility aids, transit riders, and neighborhood residents of all ages and abilities should all be considered when planning and designing Brainerd's streets; and

WHEREAS, integrating sidewalks, bike facilities, transit amenities, landscaping and safe crossings into the initial design of street projects avoids the expense of retrofits later, and

WHEREAS, complete streets are essential in providing safe routes to school for children; and

WHEREAS, streets are a critical component of public space and play a major role in establishing the image and identity of a city, providing a key framework for current and future development; and

WHEREAS, active living integrates physical activity into daily routines and active living communities encourage individuals of all ages and abilities to be more physically active; and

WHEREAS, communities that support active living strive to create amenities that will enhance the quality of life of its residents, improve the physical and social environment in ways that attract businesses and workers, and contribute to economic development; and


WHEREAS, the goal of complete streets is to improve the access and mobility for all users of streets in the community by improving safety through reducing conflict and encouraging non-motorized transportation and transit, which will enhance the promotion of active living as means to improve the health of the community residents, and improve environmental conditions, including air quality; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there are some streets or corridors in the city where there is a need for plan improvements that a complete streets policy can address; and

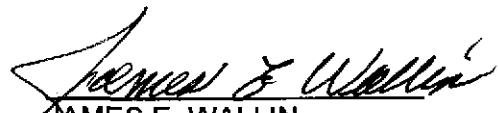
WHEREAS, the City of Brainerd is committed to providing leadership and guidance to relevant partners to encourage consistent implementation of policy and design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brainerd affirms its support of Complete Streets and adopts the attached Complete Streets Policy to provide transportation for all users of all ages and abilities as reasonably practicable.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015

  
GARY SCHEELER  
President of the Council

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015

  
JAMES E. WALLIN  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
PATRICK WUSSOW  
City Administrator