

Resolution No. 11378

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the mobility of freight and passengers and the safety, convenience, and comfort of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians – including people of all ages and abilities should be considered when planning, designing, and maintaining White Bear Lake’s streets; and

WHEREAS, the impact of our built environment on stormwater volume and water quality should be considered when planning, designing, and maintaining White Bear Lake’s streets; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as one which provides safe, convenient, and context-sensitive facility for all modes of travel, and for users of all ages and abilities; and includes design elements that are recognized as effective ways to help manage stormwater volume and improve water quality; and

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets supports national and local health efforts by recognizing the linkages between the built environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, by providing infrastructure networks for all users, Complete Streets aims to encourage non-motorized transportation and recreation, thereby helping to reduce rates of obesity and related diseases such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Comprehensive Plan supports the promotion of pedestrian/bicycle movement throughout the city, an active and healthy community, and environmentally friendly design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake, Ramsey County, Minnesota, that the City affirms its support of the concept of Complete Streets and the need to provide transportation networks for all users, ages and abilities, and,

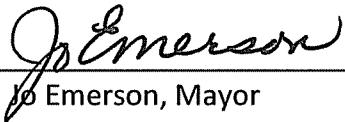
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the drafting of a Complete Streets policy and implementation plan which aims to:

1. Serve as a set of guiding principles to evaluate, design, construct, operate and maintain the City’s transportation system that promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users.

2. Provide flexibility within the policy to allow exceptions from Complete Streets principles.
3. Implement additional opportunities for public input on street and infrastructure improvement projects.

The foregoing resolution offered by Council Member Biehn and supported by Council Member Tessier was declared carried on the following vote:

Ayes: Belisle, Biehn, Jones, Tessier
Nays: None
Passed: April 22, 2014


Jo Emerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ellen Richter, City Clerk