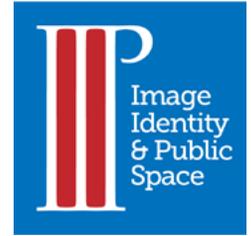




VILLAGE OF WATERLOO

COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE

Village of Waterloo



The Village of Waterloo has established the following complete streets ordinance to provide guidance and direction to current and future development - ensuring above all else that municipal infrastructure is multi-modal, safe, and reflective of the abilities of all citizens to travel through its public rights-of-way.

- 1 Whereas; The Village of Waterloo will continue to establish itself as a welcoming, attractive and accessible community by improving pedestrian and bicycle friendliness through consistent public realm design standards consistent with an activated and revitalized mixed-use downtown district.
- 2 Whereas; the Village of Waterloo will plan for, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for all transportation users in all new construction, retrofit and reconstruction projects.
- 3 Whereas; streets that integrate multiple transportation choices for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit, with special consideration for children, the elderly and people with disabilities, contribute to the public life of a community, sustainable economic development and efficient movement of people and goods.
- 4 Whereas; the Village of Waterloo will, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain all streets to provide a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities for all users of all abilities.
- 5 Whereas; Any exception to applying this Complete Streets Policy to a specific roadway project will be approved by the Village of Waterloo Board with documentation of the reason for the exception. Exceptions may be made when the project involves a roadway on which non-motorized use is prohibited by law. In this case, an effort will be made to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and the elderly elsewhere.
- 6 Whereas; This policy will create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for the Village of Waterloo that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs for all residents. Planning, funding, designing, constructing, managing and maintaining a complete multi-modal network ensures this.
- 7 Whereas; it is the intent of this policy to foster partnerships with the state, county, school district, citizens, businesses, interest groups and neighborhoods to implement complete streets.
- 8 Whereas; the Village of Waterloo highway department should adopt, develop and adopt departmental policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of the AASHTO (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials) Policy on Geometric Design of Highway and Streets; AASHTO guide for Planning, Designing, and Operating Pedestrian Facilities; AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities; Institute of Transportation Engineers Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares; A Context Sensitive Approach; National Association of City Transportation Officials Urban Bikeway Design Guide; U.S. Access Board Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines; Highway Capacity Manual and Highway Safety Manual.
- 9 Whereas; the implementation of this policy will reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments while enhancing the appearance of such. In doing so, the highway department will consider methods of providing development flexibility within safe design parameters such as context sensitive design solutions and will attempt to employ all solutions consistent with and sensitive to the context of the project.

- 10 Whereas; Complete Streets should be continuously evaluated for success and opportunities for improvement sought. This policy encourages the regular evaluation and reporting of implementing complete streets through the following performance measures:
- Increase the share of bicycles, pedestrians, and transit users;
 - Crash data;
 - Use of new projects by mode;
 - Compliments and complaints;
 - Linear feet of pedestrian accommodations built;
 - Number of ADA accommodations built;
 - Miles of bicycle lanes and trails built or striped;
 - Number of transit accessibility accommodations built;
 - Number of street trees planted;
 - Number of building permits issued along new complete street;
 - Number of exemptions from this policy

- 11 Whereas; the Village of Waterloo is recommended to implement the following steps to ensure successful implementation of complete streets:

- **Advisory Board:** the village will establish an interdepartmental advisory board to oversee the implementation of this policy. The committee will include members of the town (board members, planning board, school board, highway department), county (planning department and highway department), the police department as well as representatives from bicycling, pedestrian, disabled, youth and elderly communities or any other organizations as deemed relevant. This committee will meet annually and provide a written report to the town trustees evaluating progress and advising on implementation.
- **Coordination:** Village of Waterloo will utilize inter-departmental project coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of fiscal resources for activities that occur within the public right of way.
- **Inventory:** Village of Waterloo will maintain a comprehensive inventory of the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bike-way networks.
- **Capital Improvement and Maintenance Project Prioritization:** The village will reevaluate capital improvement and maintenance project prioritization annually to encourage implementation of bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements.
- **Revisions to Existing Plans and Policies:** Village of Waterloo will incorporate complete street principles into the comprehensive plan, zoning code and other plans and manual, rules, regulations and programs.
- **Other Plans:** Village of Waterloo will prepare, implement and maintain a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan, a Safe Routes to School Plan, an Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, and a Street Tree and Landscape Plan.
- **Storm Water Management:** Village of Waterloo will prepare and implement a plan to transition to sustainable storm water management techniques along our streets.
- **Staff Training:** Village of Waterloo will train all pertinent staff on the content of the complete streets principles and best practices for implementing the policy.
- **Street Manual:** Village of Waterloo will create and adopt a Complete Streets Design Manual to support implementation of this policy.
- **Funding:** the Village of Waterloo will actively seek sources of appropriate funding to implement complete streets.