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COMPLETE STREETS POLICY OF THE CITY OF YORK

Definition

Complete Streets are roadways and walkways designed to safely accommodate all users, including but not limited to motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service vehicles, and emergency responders.

Vision

The City of York will strive to create an equitable and effective transportation system that allows every roadway user to travel safely and comfortably throughout the City.

Policy Statement

The Complete Streets policy of the City of York is developed to provide guidance to decision makers, engineers, and planners to ensure that multimodal elements are incorporated into all transportation improvements projects taking place in the City.

- All roadway projects, including new construction or reconstruction of existing streets, shall accommodate all users of all ages and abilities including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service vehicles, and emergency responders.
- Accommodations of all users shall be consistent with the project context, including development density, street characteristics, transit plans, right-of-way dimensions, and community plans. Because every street and project is unique flexibility in the appropriate type of facilities shall be provided.
- This policy shall apply to new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance or planning of streets, trails and other transportation facilities.
- All plans, policies, standards, guidelines, and procedures shall be reviewed, and if necessary phased in, to ensure compliance with the Complete Streets policy. During any revisions to those documents, it is important to consider the need for flexibility in balancing the user's needs.

- All roadway projects shall adhere to the most recent city approved documents, including but not limited to, the following:

Planning documents, such as the Strategic Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning Ordinance and subdivision plans.

Operations and maintenance plans.

Any other applicable transportation plans.

- Roadway projects shall include a project description that provides information about the right-of-way, potential environmental impacts, and the benefits of the project, including improved access and connectivity.
- Project boundaries shall be reviewed to consider connections to other multimodal facilities.
- Site amenities, such as bike racks and benches, shall be considered as part of all projects. Landscaping and street trees shall also be considered, with careful analysis of tree species and site considerations.

Exemptions

The Director of Public Works with approval of the Mayor shall approve the exemption of any roadway project from this policy.

Performance Standards

The Complete Streets policy shall be measured through performance standards, including but not limited to:

- Miles of bicycle routes created with bike lanes or share the road markings.
- New or improved linear feet of sidewalk.
- Changes in the increased number of people using public transportation, bicycling or walking.
- Number of new street trees.
- Reduction in the number of crashes involving motorists and non-motorists.

Implementation

In accordance with the National Complete Streets Coalition, there are four (4) key steps for successful implementation:

1. Restructure procedures to accommodate all users on every project.
2. Develop new design policies and guides.
3. Offer workshops and other training opportunities to decision makers, engineers and planners.
4. Institute better ways to measure performance and collect data on how well the streets are serving all users.

The City of York will implement the Complete Streets policy by:

1. A procedure will be put into place for York City staff to review all projects for accommodation of all users.
2. Design guidelines on how to build Complete Streets will be developed and implemented.
3. York City decision makers, engineers and planners will attend workshops relating to the design and implementation of Complete Streets.
4. Performance measures will be implemented and data collected and analyzed in order to determine trends.

ADOPTED:

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