

Town of Delhi
Resolution #2 of 2014
Complete Streets Policy

DEFINITIONS; “Complete Streets” is defined as streets and sidewalks that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all uses; pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation and regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation.

“Multi-modal transportation” refers to various modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, automobile, public transit, etc.)

“Pedestrian” refers to a person on foot, in a wheelchair, crutches, on skates, or on a skate board.

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that the needs of all uses (bicyclists and pedestrians) and all users regardless of age and ability should be considered in the planning, design, maintenance and operation of new and retrofit construction undertaken in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets concepts, use the latest and best design guidelines while recognizing the need for flexibility in balancing user needs, design –features and practices include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share-the-road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center island and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance,

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the adoption of Complete Streets supports the promotion of walking and bicycling for health, fitness, transportation and recreation through events, programs and other education activities which benefit residents, students, businesses and visitors of all ages and abilities.

WHEREAS, Complete streets has been recognized and adopted as law in the New York State; and over 300 Complete Streets policies and laws have been adopted at the state, county, town, village and city levels across the country for the purpose of improving multi-modal transportation options, safety, and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that Complete Streets encourage connectivity and aims to create comprehensive, integrated, connected network for all users, will increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation, increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, incorporate traffic calming actions, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve rates of physical activity and related health outcomes, improve neighborhood vitality, increase social interactions, create a stronger sense of community, strengthen the local economy, and improve the quality-of-life for people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town and its Highway Department has the ability to work with the Town Planning Board and others to explore the development, maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within neighborhoods, hamlet centers and rural Town and put into practice a Complete Streets Program to address issues of these amenities...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets through the planning, design, maintenance, operation, budgeting and implementation of local highway, street and sidewalk projects undertaken by and in the Town that enable safe multi-modal transportation for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town encourages the NYSDOT and Delaware County to consider incorporating Complete Street concepts, design-features, and practices in the planning design, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of their respective roadways in the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town board hereby resolves to establish a Complete Streets Policy as follows;

1. The Highway Department shall consider incorporating Complete Street Concepts, design features and practices in the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of local highway, street and sidewalk improvements projects undertaken by the Town.
2. The addition of Complete Streets facilities shall be consistent with the scope of the construction or improvement project, sensitive to the surrounding environment and shall not be disproportionate with the cost of the larger project.
3. Complete Streets facilities may be planned designed, developed, and maintained in accordance with bicycle and pedestrian facility guidelines adopted by the United States Department of Transportation, New York State Department of Transportation, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and other guidelines approved by the Town.
4. If the Highway Department determines that the inclusion of bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities are unable to be accommodated on a roadway or within the Town right-of-way proposed for construction or improvement, the Highway Superintendent shall be prepared to explain their determination to the Town Board, upon request.
5. The Town Board shall create, and solicit citizen participation through, an “advisory board” or a subcommittee of the Planning Board to make recommendations to the Town and the Highway Department on the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of Complete Streets improvements in accordance with the policy.

On a motion by Councilman Krzyston,

Seconded by Councilman Decker,

And by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and Councilman Little absent,

This RESOLUTION was adopted on July 8, 2014.