

**VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETE STREETS LEGISLATION
2010 PA 135 WHICH CONSIDERS ALL OTHER USERS OF ROADWAYS
INCLUDING AUTOMOBILES, BICYCLES, AND PEDESTRIANS
DURING ROADWAY PLANNING DESIGN**

At a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Berrien Springs, Berrien County, Michigan, held in said Village Hall, located at 112 North Cass Street in the Village of Berrien Springs, on Tuesday, the 6th day of September, 2011, there were:

PRESENT: President Milt Richter, President Pro-Tem Barry Gravitt,

Trustees: Jim Allred, Bob Caulpetzer, Scott Cowgill, Lance Parrish and Sandy Swartz.

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Barry Gravitt
and seconded by Council Member Bob Caulpetzer.

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" means roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is also a design framework that enables convenient and comfortable travel for pedestrians, transit patrons, bicyclists and motor vehicle operators, across a wide spectrum of ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, streets constitute a large and valuable portion of public space, and the development of facilities to accommodate non-motorized travelers provides multiple benefits to individual travelers, and may offer substantial long-term cost savings to communities when all direct and indirect costs are accounted for; and

WHEREAS, streets that safely integrate multiple transportation choices, including walking, bicycling, public transit, and motor vehicles, support community stability; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for greater health of the population and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature passed Complete Streets legislation that require the Michigan Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all users in transportation and related projects; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act has been amended requiring that all transportation improvements identified in a plan are appropriate to the context of the community and considers all legal users of the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and sufficient connections between homes, schools, work, recreation, retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking, bicycling options for school aged children, in recognition of the objectives of the National Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, development of pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure offers long-term cost savings and opportunities to create safe and convenient non-motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses for pedestrians, bicycles and transit are more conducive to the public life and the efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (*eg* walking, bicycling and using public transportation), offers the potential to improve public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhance community connections, social equity, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes the importance of street infrastructures, sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-used paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps, all of which enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Berrien Springs, to the extent feasible, will include Complete Streets design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will review all further guidance in this matter from the Michigan Department of Transportation as it becomes available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village supports the future development of a non-motorized transportation plan and a Complete Streets ordinance that supports ease of use and safety for all users of transportation systems within the Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village hereby declares its support of Complete Streets policies and further directs the Village staff to continue current practices to make the Village more accommodating to walkers and bicyclists.

This Resolution shall be certified by the Village Clerk.


AYES: President Milt Richter, President Pro-Tem Barry Gravitt

Trustees: Bob Caulpetzer, Scott Cowgill, Lance Parrish and Sandy Swartz

NAYS: Trustee Jim Allred

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Sheryl A. Kesterke, Village Clerk




Milt Richter, Village President

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Berrien Springs, Berrien County, Michigan, at a meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, and that said meeting was held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Date: September 19, 2011



Sheryl A. Kesterke, Village Clerk