

**CITY OF WALKER
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #13-281**

To approve a City of Walker Complete Streets Policy that defines the important role Complete Streets design features play in public street, sidewalk, transit, bike lane, trail, park and economic development projects.

At a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Walker, Michigan, held in the City Commission Chambers in said City, 4243 Remembrance Road, N.W., on Monday, October 28, 2013, there were:

PRESENT: Mayor Barb Holt, Commissioners: Al Parent, Dan Kent, Gary Carey Jr., Chuck Deschaine and Mark Huizenga.

ABSENT: Commissioner Cyndy Stek.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Huizenga, and seconded by Commissioner Carey:

WHEREAS, the Walker City Commission, Planning Commission, citizens and city staff have often, during public meetings, discussed the desire for improved infrastructure design in order to balance the safe and efficient movement of motor vehicles, public transit users, pedestrians and bicycle riders within an integrated and interconnected transportation system, and

AND WHEREAS, the Walker City Commission, Planning Commission, citizens and city staff have often, during public discourse, expressed the need for contextually-appropriate infrastructure design details as contained in "Complete Streets" methods and applications;

AND WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined in PA 135 of 2010 by the State of Michigan as "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" methods include, but are not limited to, the following transportation system improvements:

- Landscaped or decorative medians
- Pedestrian refuge islands
- Road diets
- Mid-block crossings
- Bump outs / curb extensions

- High visibility crosswalks / pedestrian signage / crossing signals
- Sidewalks / trails / on-street bike lanes
- Species-appropriate street tree and other plantings
- Bus pull-out lanes and handicap accessible shelters.

AND WHEREAS, in PA 134 of 2010, the State of Michigan requires that a community's Master Plan shall include "all components of a transportation system," and shall "provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in a manner appropriate to the context of the community and in consideration of the needs of all legal users of the public right-of-way";

AND WHEREAS, the planning, design and construction of pedestrian, transit and bicycle infrastructure offers opportunities to create modes of safe and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities;

AND WHEREAS, streetscapes that support multiple users by including safe and contextually-designed features for pedestrians, bicycles, transit and vehicles add more value to the public life and enhance the efficient movement of people more than roadways that are designed primarily to move only motor vehicles;

AND WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (e.g. walking, bicycling, transit, etc.) offers the potential for improved public health, a cleaner environment, enhanced community connections, elevated social equity, and more livable communities;

AND WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" policies continue to be adopted nationwide and in Michigan at the state, county, regional, and municipal levels;

AND WHEREAS, a City of Walker Complete Streets Policy will promote the public health, safety and welfare by providing direction for future public infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Walker hereby approves and adopts the following **Complete Streets Policy**:

The City of Walker will plan, design, and implement Complete Streets methods in a contextually-appropriate manner as an essential part of projects involving public streets, sidewalks, public transit, bike lanes, trails, parks and related economic development activities.

Complete Streets plans, designs and improvements will accommodate all legal motorized users, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, and individuals of all ages and abilities.

Complete Streets plans, designs and improvements will be in accordance with the following official and current City of Walker administrative documents:

- The Master Plan and associated Sub Area Plans
- The Capital Improvement Plan
- The Standale Downtown Development Authority Plan
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Upon a vote for the adoption of said Resolution, the vote was:

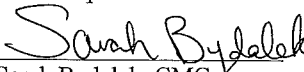
AYES: 6

NAYES: None

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Walker, Kent County, Michigan, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Walker at a regular meeting of said City Commission held on October 28, 2013, at which meeting of quorum was present and remained throughout, and that the original of said resolution is on file in the records of said City. I hereby further certify that the meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Date: October 28, 2013


Sarah Bydalek, CMC
City Clerk