

**Atlas Township  
Genesee County, Michigan**

**Resolution No.: U-02  
Resolution to Adopt a Complete Streets Policy**

At a regular meeting of the Atlas Township Board held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at which a quorum of the Township Board was present, the following preamble and Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS** a complete street is a safe, accessible, and convenient street for all users regardless of transportation mode, age, or physical ability; and

**WHEREAS** research has demonstrated that complete streets offer many benefits to communities, regardless of their size and location, including improving public safety and air quality, relieving congestion, fostering livable communities, and bolstering economic growth; and

**WHEREAS** Michigan recently became the 14<sup>th</sup> state to adopt complete streets legislation by signing into law Public Act 135, which amends Public Act 51 of 1951 governing the expenditure of state transportation funding, and Public Act 134 which amends the Michigan Planning Enabling Act; and,

**WHEREAS** PA 135 stipulates that before a city, village or township approves any project that affects a roadway or transportation facility under the jurisdiction of another agency, it shall consult with that agency and agree on how to address the respective complete streets policies before approving a non-motorized project affecting a transportation facility whether it is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), or under the jurisdiction of the county or another municipality; and

**WHEREAS** PA 135 further stipulates that before MDOT submits its multiyear capital plan to the state transportation commission or a county road agency approves its multiyear capital plan, for any project that affects a roadway or transportation facility within or under the jurisdiction of a city, village, or township, the MDOT or county road agency shall consult with the affected city, village or township and agree on how to address the respective complete streets policies; and

**WHEREAS** the aforementioned consultation requirements do not apply if neither the agency proposing the project nor the affected agency has a complete streets policy; and

**WHEREAS** the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission in its *Complete Streets Technical Report* has published a complete streets vision statement for Genesee County which reads: transportation improvements in Genesee County are planned,

designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use while promoting safety for all users; and

**WHEREAS** the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission in its published *Complete Streets Technical Report* further recommends that all County municipalities adopt a complete streets policy; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Planning Commission, through its adoption of the Master Plan on November 18, 2009, established developmental goals supporting context sensitive design and access management, reducing fossil fuel emissions, and encouraging bicycle and pedestrian linkages;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system located within Atlas Township and to promote the health and economic opportunities of its residents and visitors, it is the policy of the Township to encourage "complete streets" and, in furtherance of that policy,

**IT IS ALSO RESOLVED** until such time Atlas Township may adopt a non-motorized transportation network plan, the Planning Commission shall review all street plans to ensure all public street projects, including reconstruction projects, are built using guidance from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines and AASHTO (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials) standards to safely accommodate all users of the right-of-way, including pedestrians, people requiring mobility aids, bicyclists and drivers and passengers of transit vehicles, trucks, automobiles and motorcycles, with the following exceptions:

- Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety or would otherwise be prohibited ;
- When the cost would be excessively disproportionate to its need or probable use, or burdensome to total infrastructure cost associated with the project;
- Where the provision of non-motorized facilities is environmentally unfeasible due to natural resource constraints;
- Where non-motorized network improvements are contrary to the community's intent to preserve areas having or perceived to have a low density pattern of development, being generally void of man-made improvements such as paved roadways, and exhibiting open fields, farmland or woodlands as common elements of the visual landscape; and,
- Where reconstruction of the right-of-way is due to an emergency.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

**Resolution Adopted**

I, Tere Onica, Atlas Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Atlas Township Board at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tere Onica, Atlas Township Clerk

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Date