

	Town of Maynard COMPLETE STREET RESOLUTION
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Town Administrator	Kevin Sweet

Complete Streets Resolution: Town of Maynard, MA

WHEREAS, the Town of Maynard has established Community Development Principles to preserve and enhance its essential character, including the principle to provide a variety of transportation choices (Principle #6); and

WHEREAS, the objectives of Principle #6 include providing alternate means of transportation, increasing walking and bicycling, increasing mobility for those without access to automobiles, and reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

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

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program and Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Maynard hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, and for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Complete Streets practices will become a routine part of the everyday operations for Department of Public Works and Department of Planning, and these departments should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public and private streets and the transportation network for all users. Transportation

projects may be excluded from application of Complete Streets elements when costs are excessively disproportionate to future use or would be inappropriate in light of the scope of the project, as determined by the Town Administrator in consultation with the Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that incorporation of Complete Streets design principles will be considered for the planning, design, approval, and implementation of all transportation projects and processes for construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the existing Green Communities Committee be expanded: to recommend short-term and long-term steps, planning, and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; to assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets in the Town of Maynard and understand the associated costs; to work with MassDOT and MAPC to confirm existing and proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities infrastructure inventory and gaps, as necessary; and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals in order to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town will utilize the latest design guidance and standards available in the implementation of Complete Streets, including:

- The Massachusetts Project Development and Design Guide (2006)
- The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (1999)
- The Architectural Access Board (AAB) 521CMR Rules and Regulations
- Plans created for the Town of Maynard, such as the Assabet River Rail Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Plan (MAPC, 2013)