

City Of Torrington

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE AS OUTLINED IN PUBLIC ACT 09-154, AN ACT IMPROVING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

WHEREAS, complete streets mean 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.

WHEREAS, a complete streets policy means a document that provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways or an interconnected network of transportation facilities being constructed or reconstructed and designated for a transportation purpose that promotes complete streets and meets all of the following requirements:

- (i) is sensitive to the needs of the city of Torrington;
- (ii) considers the functional class of the roadway and project costs and allows for appropriate exemptions
- (iii) considers the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway, of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers improved health benefits for the population and makes Torrington a more livable community;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut legislature has passed complete streets legislation that requires the Connecticut Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all users in transportation-related projects;

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 pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities;

WHEREAS, complete streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools program; and


WHEREAS, the City of Torrington recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Torrington, Connecticut, that:

FIRST: to the extent feasible, the City of Torrington will incorporate complete streets design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation.

SECOND: the City of Torrington supports the continued development of Torrington's master plan, parks and recreation plan, and capital improvements plan and program that support ease of use, safety, and accessibility for all users within the City of Torrington.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT,
THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2013.


Joseph L. Quartiero, City Clerk