

Village of Jonesville Complete Streets Program Policy

The Village of Jonesville adopted a 2010 Master Plan which proposes providing a variety of transportation options, creating walkable neighborhoods and fostering a distinctive, attractive community with a strong sense of place.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and State of Michigan have adopted Complete Streets legislation. Complete Streets are roadways planned, designed and constructed to accommodate safe access for all users. On these streets, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across streets which may include sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes.

Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible connections between home, school, work, shopping, and recreation for both motorized and non-motorized travel. Complete Streets enhance health through physical activity, reduce air pollution, improve the general safety and welfare of citizens, create a sense of place, and provide mobility equity and choice.

The guiding policy for a Complete Streets Program for the Village of Jonesville is to design, operate and maintain Village streets to promote safe and convenient access for all users. The Village proposes to do this in a manner consistent with and supportive of the surrounding community. This can be accomplished with improvements that may include an array of amenities recognized as contributing to the Complete Streets Program.

The Village of Jonesville supports the concept of Complete Streets and will implement a policy to review transportation improvement projects on all local streets. This will be done in keeping with the goal of accommodating all forms of travel, to the extent feasible. The policy recognizes that all streets are different and in each case user needs must be balanced with the benefit to the entire community.

1. Sidewalks, shared use paths, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, and other facilities will be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so that pedestrians, including those with disabilities, can travel safely and independently.
2. The Complete Streets Program will address the need for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross and travel on streets. Therefore, the design of intersections and interchanges will be to accommodate and to consider the Complete Streets Program for bicyclists and pedestrians in a manner that is safe, accessible and a benefit to the entire community.
3. The Complete Streets Program will consider as a part of any new or reconstruction of streets and right of ways the above policy guidelines for the benefit of the entire community and non-motorized transportation.