

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are achieved when communities routinely plan, design, construct, re-construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, automobiles, and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, development of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure offers long-term cost savings and opportunities to create safe and convenient non-motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit, are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (e.g. walking, bicycling, and use of public transportation) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equity, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton Shores recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, accessible curb ramps, pedestrian signals, signs, bicycle parking facilities, public transportation stops and facilities, and other features assisting in the provision of safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton Shores has embraced and supported enhanced pedestrian, biking, and transit access through adopted documents that include the following:

- City of Norton Shores Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (2010)
- City of Norton Shores Master Plan (2008)
- City of Norton Shores Open Space and Recreation Plan (2011)

WHEREAS, the City of Norton Shores, through its Department of Public Works and City Council, has been proactive and increasingly committed to encouraging, funding and constructing streets and ways consistent with the objectives of "Complete Streets" wherever feasible; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" have been and continue to be adopted nation-wide at state, county, MPO, and municipal levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulation that guides transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, in response to the "Complete Streets" Initiative, the State of Michigan adopted amendments to the Planning Enabling Act (PA 50) and transportation focused PA 52. In 2010 stating that a community's Master Plan shall include all components of a transportation system and their interconnectivity and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in a manner appropriate to the community and that considers the needs of all users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NORTON SHORES RESOLVES:

FIRST: That the Norton Shores City Council hereby declares its support of "Complete Streets" policies.

SECOND: The Norton Shores City Council will evaluate and to the extent practicable incorporate "Complete Streets" design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation, and will encourage partners in such projects including but not limited to the State Department of Transportation, Muskegon County, and others to do likewise.

THIRD: The Norton Shores City Council supports the continued development of the City's Master Plan, Playable and Pedestrian Plan, and Open Space and Recreation plan that support the ease of use, safety and accessibility for all users within the City of Norton Shores.


FOURTH: The Norton Shores City Council will review further guidance in this matter from the Michigan Department of Transportation, as it becomes available.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton Shores, held at the Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road, on the 5th day of March, 2015, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Martinez. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham.

Ayes: Mayor Neiland, Council Members Beecham, Dojack, Jurkas, Kinney, Martinez, Ostrom and Root

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.



Lynne A. Fuller, City Clerk