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Resolution

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Mapes as supported by Commissioner Ayers:

Whereas, "Complete Streets" are defined by the State of Michigan as "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"; and,

Whereas, "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 local context and recognizes that needs vary according to urban, suburban, and rural settings.
- (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, "Complete Streets" are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for all users in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and,

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature has adopted Public Act 135 of 2010 that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all legal users in transportation related projects; 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 pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and,

Whereas, complete streets enhance safe walking and bicycling for children going to school as recognized by the federal Safe Routes to Schools program; and,

Whereas, the Gratiot Regional Excellence and Transformation (GREAT) Plan, the City's master plan, identifies providing non-motorized facilities to increase opportunities for non-motorized transport as a priority; and,

Whereas, the Live Well Gratiot- Community Health Improvement Plan identifies adoption of a complete streets policy as strategy to encourage physical activity; and,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Alma City Commission of the City of Alma that:

To the extent feasible, the City of Alma will incorporate complete designs and practices as a standard practice in infrastructure planning, design and construction; and,

The City of Alma supports the inclusion complete street practices in developing master plans, park and recreation plans, and capital improvement plans; and,

The City Commission directs staff to begin development of a non-motorized transportation plan for the City of Alma; and,

The City Commission directs the City Manager to post a copy of this policy on the City's website.

Yes: Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman, Piccolo & Polash.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Certificate

I, Barbara A. Gager, Clerk of the City of Alma, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and exact copy adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.



Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk