

Charter Township of Grand Blanc **Complete Streets Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Guidance (2000) stated bicycling and walking facilities may be incorporated into some transportation projects; and,

WHEREAS, creation and maintenance of facilities that effectively accommodate non-motorized travel can reduce the risk of injury by up to 30%; and,

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" is an inclusive context sensitive design framework and infrastructure that enables safe and convenient access for transportation users of all ages and disabilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motor vehicle drivers; and,

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

WHEREAS, there are cases where there is less demand for wide roads and a study conducted by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPO) showed reducing 4 lanes to 3 lanes (known as a "road diet") and adding pedestrian and bicycle facilities reduced traffic crashes; 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 using 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, roadways designed with "Complete Streets" principles complement and enhance ongoing active living and community planning efforts by the Charter Township of Grand Blanc, Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone, and numerous other community groups as well as education initiatives such as Safe Routes to School and Confident Cycling; and,

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" principles have been and continue to be adopted nationwide at state, county, Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPO), and city/village levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulation that guide transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and,

