

COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION

City Manager Crawford pointed out the resolution may allow the City to negotiate the addition of bike lanes to the West M21 construction project proposed by MDOT to connect the bike trail coming from the west with the James Miner River Trail.

There was discussion whether the resolution would really require MDOT to accommodate any of the City's requests.

Mayor Frederick noted his affirmative vote on this item does not condone the reduction of South M52 from 4 lanes to 3.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to authorize the following resolution supporting the use of complete streets where ever applicable in the City of Owosso:

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2011

SUPPORTING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE AS OUTLINED IN PUBLIC ACT 134, AND PUBLIC ACT 135, OF 2010

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 Owosso;
- (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 Owosso a more livable community;

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature has passed complete streets legislation that requires the Michigan 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 Owosso 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 Owosso, Shiawassee

County, Michigan that:

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

SECOND: the city of Owosso supports the continued development of Owosso'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 Owosso.


Motion supported by Councilperson Cook.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Forster, Martenis, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, Councilpersons Cook, Eveleth, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

I hereby certify that the foregoing document is a true and complete copy of action taken by the Owosso City Council at the regular meeting of June 6, 2011.



Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk