

## **RES 2024-05-08.22: COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Motion to adopt the Village of Sherman Complete Streets Policy;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees endeavors to establish the Village of Sherman as a safe and accessible community by improving bicycle and pedestrian friendliness through consistent public realm design standards to a revitalized mixed-use downtown district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Sherman shall plan for, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for all transportation users in all new construction, retrofit and reconstruction projects; and

**WHEREAS**, streets that integrate multiple transportation choices for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit, with special consideration for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, contribute to the public life of a community, sustainable economic development and efficient movement of people and goods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Sherman shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain all streets to provide a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities for all users of all abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, any exception to applying this Complete Streets Policy to a specific roadway project must be approved by the Village Trustees with documentation of the reason for the exception. Exceptions may be made when the project involves a roadway on which non-motorized use is prohibited by law. In this case, an effort shall be made to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy will create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for the Village of Sherman that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs for all residents. Planning, funding, designing, constructing, managing, and maintaining a complete multi-modal network, ensures this; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this policy to foster partnerships with the state, county, school district, citizens, businesses, interest groups and neighborhoods to implement complete streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Sherman shall adapt, develop and adopt departmental policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets; AASHTO Guide for Planning, Designing, and Operating Pedestrian Facilities; AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities; Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach; National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide; U.S. Access Board Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines; Highway Capacity Manual and Highway Safety Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of this policy shall reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments while enhancing the appearance of such. In doing so, The Village of Sherman shall consider methods of providing development flexibility within safe design parameters such as context-sensitive design solutions, and shall attempt to employ all solutions consistent with and sensitive to the context of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets should be continuously evaluated for success and opportunities for improvement sought. This policy encourages the regular evaluation and reporting of implementing complete streets through the following performance measures:

- Increase in the share of bicycles, pedestrians and transit users;
- Crash data;
- Use of new projects by mode;
- Compliments and complaints;
- Linear feet of pedestrian accommodations built;
- Number of ADA accommodations built;
- Miles of bike lanes/trails built or striped;
- Number of transit accessibility accommodations built;
- Number of street trees planted;
- Number of building permits issued along new complete street;
- Number of exemptions from this policy; and

**WHEREAS,** The Village of Sherman shall implement the following steps to ensure successful implementation of complete streets:

- Advisory Board: The Village of Sherman will establish an interdepartmental advisory board to oversee the implementation of this policy. The committee will include members of the village (board members, planning board, school board, highway department), county (planning department and highway department), the NYS Department of Transportation, the police department as well as representatives from bicycling, pedestrian, disabled, youth and elderly communities or any other organizations as deemed relevant. This committee will meet quarterly and provide a written report to the Village of Sherman's Board of Trustees evaluating progress and advising on implementation.
- Inventory: The Village of Sherman will maintain a comprehensive inventory of the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway networks.
- Capital Improvement and Maintenance Project Prioritization: The Village of Sherman will reevaluate capital improvement and maintenance project prioritization annually to encourage implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
- Revisions to Existing Plans and Policies: The Village of Sherman will incorporate complete street principles into the comprehensive plan, zoning code and other plans and manual, rules, regulations and programs.
- Other Plans: The Village of Sherman will prepare, implement and maintain a Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan, a Safe Routes to School Plan, an Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, and a Street Tree and Landscape Plan.
- Stormwater Management: The Village of Sherman will prepare and implement a plan to transition to sustainable stormwater management techniques along our streets.
- Staff Training: The Village of Sherman will train all pertinent staff on the content of the complete streets principles and best practices for implementing the policy.
- Coordination: The Village of Sherman will utilize inter-departmental project coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of fiscal resources for activities that occur within the public right of way.
- Street Manual: The Village of Sherman will create and adopt a Complete Streets Design Manual to support implementation of this policy.
- Funding: The Village of Sherman will actively seek sources of appropriate funding to implement complete streets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Village of Sherman, in order to achieve the goal of building connectivity and increasing safety, adopts the Complete Streets Policy, which shall endeavor to take the important steps included herein, and engage the members of the community in creating a vision with the clear intent of understanding and accommodating all users and modes, and applying that to all streets projects and phases organizing an integrated network of streets, sidewalks, and trails for transportation and recreation connecting neighborhoods, businesses, placemaking, and parks; this must incorporate multi-jurisdictional cooperation in support of development and design within the character of the community and the vision established within the Village of Sherman’s Comprehensive Plan; while implementing performance measures ensuring success and effectiveness of strategies toward complete streets initiatives bringing safety, encouraging activity, and promoting overall health and well-being of our community and visitors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On the motion of Trustee Emory, seconded by Trustee Crane, the foregoing resolution was put to a vote as follows:

Colleen Meeder, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
Ryan Sanders, Deputy Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
Dennis Watson, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Gary Emory, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Danielle Crane, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.