

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Establishing A Complete Streets Policy For Street And Transportation Projects

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users of public transportation, children, seniors and persons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Complete Streets Policy is to empower and direct citizens, elected officials, government agencies, planners, engineers and architects to utilize a disciplinary approach, when possible, to incorporate multimodal transportation for citizens of all ages and abilities through the design, maintenance, and operation of street construction and reconstruction within the county, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets concepts, design features and practices include but are not limited to: sidewalks, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, landscaping, lighting, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, wayfinding signage, benches, bus pull-outs, bus stop shelters, sidewalk snow removal, and traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands, and pavement markings; all of which will accommodate the safety, health and comfort of motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County recognizes that Complete Streets will increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation while reducing traffic congestion and gas emissions, increasing the capacity and efficiency of the road network, calming traffic, improving social interactions, creating healthier lifestyles, improving safety, creating a stronger sense of community, strengthening the local economy, and encouraging a greater quality of life for people in the community, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County recognizes that this Complete Streets Policy shall incorporate the values of the County while being mindful of the environmental, scenic, historical and natural designs in all stages of design and planning, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County and the County Public Works Departments will attempt to work with organizations including (but not limited to) New York State Department of Transportation, Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council, Chemung County Planning Department and surrounding municipalities to seek available funding sources to plan and implement where possible Complete Streets elements, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chemung County hereby recognizes the importance of adopting Complete Streets through the planning, design, funding and implementation of local highway, street, and sidewalk projects undertaken by and in the county that enable safe multi-modal transportation for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, seniors and individuals with disabilities, and

RESOLVED, Chemung County considers the needs of motorists, public transportation vehicles and patrons, bicyclists, pedestrians of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, reconstruction, retrofit, operations and maintenance activities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chemung County shall view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in the County and shall recognize bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes of transportation integral elements of the transportation system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chemung County hereby adopts the following Complete Streets Policy as an official policy of Chemung County.