



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 14, 2025
Department: Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section: Consent
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Resolution for the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy

Attachments:

Resolution

Summary:

The town is committed to improving safety, accessibility and connectivity for all modes of travel and has prioritized actions to meet this goal in the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan. One of the recommendations in the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan is to adopt a Complete Streets policy that guides the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of streets that are safe for all road users.

The U.S. Department of Transportation defines Complete Streets as “streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users...[including] people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.”

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has adopted a Complete Streets policy and provides substantial guidance to assist municipalities in identifying context-sensitive cross sections, developing prioritization plans, and providing technical expertise. The North Carolina Department of Transportation Roadway Design Manual is the authoritative reference for Complete Streets design and provides additional resources to the standard roadway drawings.

The town coordinates with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to evaluate projects for Complete Streets elements. Many of the local streets within Hillsborough have been upgraded through previous projects and plans exist to enhance pedestrian safety with crossing and sidewalk improvements in future projects.

A Complete Streets policy would be valuable to the town in prioritizing projects, incorporating mobility options, and addressing safety concerns.

Financial impacts:

None

Staff recommendation and comments:

The adoption of a Complete Streets policy is prioritized in both the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and Strategic Plan

Action requested:

Adopt Resolution for a Complete Streets Policy