

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2022 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY TO INTEGRATE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, BICYCLING, WALKING, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT WITH THE CITY'S PROJECTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES FOR ROUTINELY INCORPORATING COMPLETE STREETS INTO PRACTICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the term "complete streets" means roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide access to all users in a manner that promotes safe efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle; and

WHEREAS, complete streets is a flexible, context sensitive, multi-modal approach that implements safe and convenient access for transportation users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, motorists, persons with disabilities, emergency responders, seniors, youth, families, as well as freight and service operators; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth Beach recognizes that these statistics are not acceptable for residents, business owners, commuters, visitors, or others who live, work, or play in the City of Lake Worth Beach; and

WHEREAS, complete streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for everyone, including school-age children, in recognition of the national Safe Routes to Schools program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has adopted a complete streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt a Complete Streets policy which is to be used as a guiding principle, where practicable and economically feasible, in the design, operation, and maintenance of City streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use as safe, convenient, and widely available modes of transportation for all people; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The City Commission hereby establishes a "Complete Streets" policy in furtherance of the goals, policies, and objectives of the transportation element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2: The City will incorporate a flexible complete streets program into the design, development, construction, operation, maintenance, and implementation of policies and programs affecting all City property to create a connected network of facilities accommodating all users.

Section 3: That the City affirms that all road projects should be designed to accommodate all users and that pedestrian and bicycle facilities will, where practical, be established in new construction, reconstruction, repaving, and rehabilitation.

Section 4: That the City will support and encourage coordination with its citizens, partnering agencies, and organizations to provide public awareness of the benefits Complete Streets provide to the community.

Section 5: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The passage of this resolution was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Mayor Betty Resch
- Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy
- Commissioner Sarah Malega
- Commissioner Kimberly Stokes
- Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the 6th day of September, 2022.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk