



## City of McCleary

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# Memorandum

To: Mayor Miller

From: Todd Baun- Director of Public Works

Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup> - For June 8th Council Meeting

Subject: Complete Streets Program

### RECOMMENDATION

Please discuss and provide recommendation on if the City would like to draft an “Complete Streets Policy-Ordinance”

### BACKGROUND

“Complete streets” refers to the concept that roadways should be designed with all users in mind, not just motorists. The term was introduced around 2003 in an effort to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities in particular, and it is now used by many local governments.

In 2011, the state legislature passed the Complete Streets Act, codified in RCW 47.04.320-.340, encouraging local governments to adopt their own complete streets ordinances. In particular, RCW 47.04.320(1) states that such ordinances should “provide safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users.”

RCW 47.04.320 establishes a grant program to help cities, towns, and counties pay for complete streets projects. To be eligible for a grant, RCW 47.04.320(2)(b) requires local governments to adopt a jurisdiction-wide complete streets ordinance.

RCW 47.04.330 requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to consult with local jurisdictions and consider the needs of all users by applying context sensitive solutions when constructing, reconstructing, or making major improvements to streets that are part of the state highway system.

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A number of cities and counties in Washington have adopted complete streets ordinances or policies. In particular, the National Complete Streets Coalition has recognized Tacoma, Ocean Shores, and Battle Ground for their excellent complete streets policies.

The National Complete Streets Coalition emphasizes a number of important criteria, including incorporating all users and modes, applying to all types of transportation projects, recognizing the importance of a complete street network, using the latest design guidance, identifying specific implementation steps, and creating measurable performance standards to evaluate whether the jurisdiction is meeting its goals.