

Ferguson, Missouri, Complete Streets Ordinance Adopted 11-18-08

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Sec. 40-8. Complete streets policy.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this policy is to set forth guiding principles and practices to be considered in public transportation projects, where practicable, economically feasible, and otherwise in accordance with applicable law, so as to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users.

(b) *Application and scope.* While this policy does not require certain designs or construction standards and does not require specific improvements, this policy does require the city manager to consider complete street elements in the design, construction and maintenance of public transportation projects, improvements and facilities in addition to other considerations including, but not limited to cost of improvements, budget for the project, space and area requirements and limitations and legal requirements and limitations.

(c) *Guiding principles and practices.*

(1) "Complete street" defined. A complete street is designed to be a transportation corridor for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists. Complete streets are designed and operated to enable safe continuous travel networks for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move from destination to destination along and across a network of complete streets. Transportation improvements, facilities and amenities that may contribute to complete streets and that are considered as elements of a "complete street" include: street and sidewalk lighting; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; public transit facilities accommodation including, but not limited, to pedestrian access improvement to transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities.

(2) The city will strive, where practicable and economically feasible, to incorporate one (1) or more "complete street" elements into public transportation projects in order to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, in comprehensive and connected networks in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community.

(3) The city will strive to incorporate complete streets principles into all public strategic plans, upon subsequent updates. The principles, where practicable, shall be incorporated into other public works plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs as appropriate and directed by the city manager.

(4) It shall be a goal of the city to foster partnerships with the State of Missouri, St. Louis County, neighboring communities, Ferguson Business Districts and Neighborhood Associations in consideration of functional facilities and accommodations in furtherance of the city's **complete streets** policy and the continuation of such facilities and accommodations beyond the city's borders.

(5) The city recognizes that **complete streets** may be achieved through single elements incorporated into a particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. The city will attempt to draw upon all possible funding sources to plan and implement this policy and shall investigate grants that may be available to make **complete streets** elements more economically feasible.

(d) *Study/analysis to be undertaken as part of public transportation project.* During the planning phase of any public improvement project, a designee of the city manager (which may be the director of public works, the city's design engineer, or other person or firm deemed appropriate by the city manager) shall conduct a study and analysis relating to the addition and incorporation of one (1) or more **complete streets** elements into the public transportation project.

The study and analysis shall include cost estimates, whether the elements could be incorporated in a safe manner, the degree that such improvements or facilities may be utilized, the benefit of such improvements or facilities to other public transportation improvements, whether additional property is required, physical or area requirements or limitations and any other factors deemed relevant.

Such study and analysis shall be submitted to the city manager for consideration in the design and planning of the public transportation project. The city manager shall consider the incorporation of one (1) or more **complete streets** elements in each public transportation project to the extent that such is economically and physically feasible.

(Ord. No. 2008-3375, § 1, 11-18-08)