

**AVON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION
RS 2024-1112-003**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AVON TOWNSHIP
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
AVON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, AVON TOWNSHIP is a public body organized and operating under the authority of the constitution and laws of the State of Illinois:

WHEREAS, transportation, quality of life, and economic development are all connected through well-planned, well designed, and context sensitive transportation solutions: and

WHEREAS, a complete street is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for all users of the road, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, AVON TOWNSHIP views all transportation improvements as opportunities to connect neighborhoods, calm traffic and improve safety, provide greater access and mobility for users of the public way. and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, AVON TOWNSHIP's comprehensive plan promotes a transportation principal that residents should be able to drive, walk, or bike safely and conveniently throughout the township for daily needs and activities; and

WHEREAS, AVON TOWNSHIP desires to adopt an AVON TOWNSHIP Complete Streets Policy, pursuant to which decisions regarding the public right-of-way will promote the creation of Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS, AVON TOWNSHIP has determined that approving and adopting this policy will serve and be in the best interest of the residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of AVON TOWNSHIP of Lake County, Illinois that:

SECTION 1 The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF POLICY. The Board OF TRUSTEES OF AVON hereby approves and adopts the Policy in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3 If any section, paragraph, clause, or provisions of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4 All Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved: November 12, 2024

AYES: Rudy, Jeanne, Jeff and Patricia

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Austal absent

APPROVED:


Supervisor, Avon Township

ATTEST:


Town Clerk, Avon Township

EXHIBIT A
AVON TOWNSHIP
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION.

The Avon Township is committed to creating a safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation network for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and transit riders. This Complete Streets Policy aims to incorporate multi-modal transportation strategies into the planning, design, and maintenance of our roadways and public spaces.

II. VISION STATEMENT.

Avon Township envisions a transportation system that prioritizes safety, accessibility, and environmental stewardship, ensuring that all residents can travel throughout the township without barriers.

III. POLICY GOALS.

- a. Safety:** Enhance the safety of all road users, particularly vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and the disabled.
- b. Accessibility:** Provide an interconnected network of streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transit options that accommodate users of all ages and abilities.
- c. Sustainability:** Promote environmentally friendly transportation options to reduce carbon emissions and support public health initiatives.
- d. Community Engagement:** Involve community members in the planning process to ensure that the Complete Streets initiatives reflect the needs and desires of the residents.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES.

a. Design Standards:

- Adopt design standards that accommodate all users, including wider sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes, and safe pedestrian crossings.
- Follow guidelines from national resources, such as the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), to ensure best practices are met.

b. Multi-Modal Integration

- Ensure integration between various transportation modes by providing clear signage, safe and convenient transfer points, and public transportation accessibility.

- Create distinct lanes for cyclists and designated paths for pedestrians that align with existing roadways.

c. Funding and Resources:

- Pursue funding opportunities at federal, state, and local levels for Complete Streets projects, including grants and partnerships with local organizations.
- Allocate budgetary resources annually to maintain and improve the multi-modal infrastructure.

d. Traffic Calming Measures:

- Implement traffic calming strategies, such as speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and curb extensions, to slow down vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian safety.
- Promote community awareness campaigns about the importance of sharing the road.

e. Routine Maintenance:

- Develop a regular maintenance schedule for all transportation facilities, including sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transit stops, to maintain safety and accessibility standards.
- Inspect and repair amenities such as benches, shelters, and lighting to encourage their use.

f. Education and Outreach:

- Conduct public education campaigns to inform residents about the rights and responsibilities of all road users.
- Host community workshops and forums to discuss transportation needs, gather input on Complete Streets initiatives, and foster a culture of safety.

V. EVALUATION AND MONITORING.

- a. Establish metrics to measure the effectiveness of Complete Streets projects, including accident data, user satisfaction surveys, and modal shift indicators.
- b. Annually review and update the policy based on community feedback and emerging best practices in transportation engineering.

VI. CONCLUSION.

The Avon Township Highway Department's Complete Streets Policy seeks to transform our transportation network into an inclusive, safe, and environmentally friendly system. By implementing this policy, we aim to enhance the quality of life for all residents, creating a thriving community connected by a robust multi-modal transportation network. The success of this policy depends on active community involvement, consistent funding, and ongoing evaluation to ensure our transportation infrastructure meets the evolving needs of our township.