

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A "COMPLETE STREETS"  
APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

WHEREAS, Brevard is a safe, friendly, family-oriented city with small town charm, outdoor recreation, arts, & culture that bring investment opportunities, environmental consciousness, and economic diversity; and,

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all users is a priority of Brevard; and,

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allow safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families; and,

WHEREAS, the application of "Complete Streets" will vary depending on the surrounding land uses and densities and surrounding context, however street and transportation planning should be guided by the principle that streets should promote multiple transportation options for all people; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of "Complete Streets" is dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders, particularly children, older adults, and persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Brevard's traffic accident safety ranking out of the 472 municipalities under 10,000 in population in North Carolina has been declining for the past four years; and,

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" improve public health and safety by reducing the risk of injuries and fatalities from traffic collisions for users of all modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, streets that are designed with the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists in mind increase the number of people walking and bicycling; and,

WHEREAS, a balanced transportation system that includes "Complete Streets" is conducive to lively streets which in enhance the city's character, economic vitality, and livability; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging people to walk and bicycle saves energy resources, reduces air pollution, and reduces emissions of global warming gases; and,

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" encourage an active lifestyle by creating opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities, thereby helping to reduce the risk of obesity and its associated health problems, which include diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, as well as certain cancers, stroke, asthma, and depression; and,

WHEREAS, the City's current Comprehensive Plan outlines objectives for efficient and safe travel by vehicular, cycling, and pedestrian traffic; and,

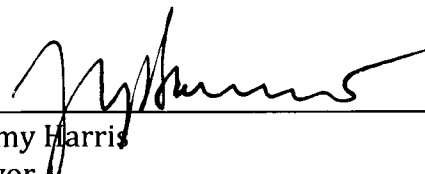
WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, Brevard wishes to improve its commitment to "Complete Streets" and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable, and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD:

Section 1. The City of Brevard strongly endorses a Complete Streets approach to enhance transportation options for all and to improve quality of life for the residents of Brevard as follows:

1. The City of Brevard shall, to the maximum extent practical, plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain all City streets to provide a comprehensive and integrated street network for people of all ages and abilities traveling by foot, bicycle, automobile, and commercial vehicle.
2. The City of Brevard shall, to the maximum extent practical, advocate for State-maintained roads in the City to provide a comprehensive and integrated street network for people of all ages and abilities traveling by foot, bicycle, automobile, and commercial vehicle when coordinating on such projects with NCDOT officials.
3. City Council officially directs Staff, in conjunction with the Parks and Trails Committee, to begin the process of drafting a Complete Streets policy or ordinance for the City of Brevard.

Approved and adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
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Jimmy Harris  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jill Murray  
City Clerk