

RESOLUTION # 2022-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY TO BETTER INTEGRATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INTO THE DAILY LIVES OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN, WORK IN, AND VISIT EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP THROUGH AN INCREASED EMPHASIS ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MODES WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED HEALTH, REDUCED TRAFFIC CONGESTION, IMPROVED AIR QUALITY, REDUCED EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND MORE ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are streets that are safe, convenient, and context sensitive for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and motor vehicle drivers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township recognizes that streets are a key factor in the way people experience the public realm and play a vital role in promoting economic development, public safety, health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the design and function of our streets has often favored the motorist over the needs and safety of other users of the transportation network, particularly pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township is committed to providing increased mobility choices and improved safety for all its residents, as embodied in the goals and policies of Lancaster County’s Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, investments in pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure will help promote “active transportation” and bring physical activity into the daily lives of the citizens of East Lampeter Township which will improve their health, reduce the incidence of diseases related to inactivity such as obesity and heart attacks and improve air quality and limit greenhouse gas emissions by reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township seeks to create an interconnected network of transportation facilities that accommodate all modes of travel in a manner consistent with the community context and goals and that incorporate green infrastructure measures, where appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, that East Lampeter Township hereby commits to a Complete Streets Policy that will incorporate Complete Streets into the planning, design and operation of all future municipal street, sidewalk, trail and other transportation projects, whether new construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township staff are directed to review and update, as needed, language in the Comprehensive Plans adopted by East Lampeter Township, the East Lampeter Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, the East Lampeter

Township Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable codes, to incorporate the intent of this Complete Streets Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that East Lampeter Township commits to a Complete Streets Policy that may have the following elements:

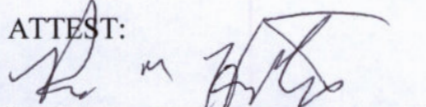
1. Any roadway in East Lampeter Township which is to be newly constructed or completely reconstructed must be designed and constructed to:
 - a. Provide for the safety and convenience of all users of all ages and of all abilities: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists; and
 - b. Address the needs of all users both along roadway corridors and crossing the corridors.
2. Any project in which an existing roadway surface is to be restored or rehabilitated, and any remediation of deficient or non-existent sidewalks, shall be reviewed for the potential of making the roadway a complete street. Consideration shall particularly include proportionality: is the scope of work needed to make a complete street reasonable in relation to the scope of the proposed roadway maintenance or improvements?
3. Any exception to applying this Complete Streets Policy to a specific roadway project must be approved by the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, with documentation of the reason for the exception.
4. An annual report will be made to the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township by the Township staff showing progress made in implementing this policy.

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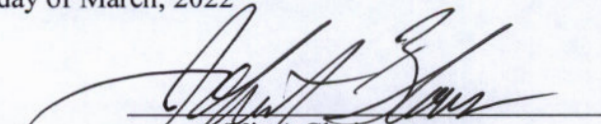
1. This Complete Streets Policy will apply to the scoping, design, and construction of projects.
2. The Township Staff will review current design standards, including the design standard embodied in the most recent version of the subdivision and land development regulations which apply to new roadway construction, to assure that they reflect the best available design standards and guidelines, and effectively implement the Complete Streets Policy in a context-sensitive design, fitting the roadway design within the context of the neighborhood, recognizing that all streets are different and that all users should be considered and balanced. In review of the current standards, the Township Staff is directed to develop ordinances, resolutions, programs, and recommendations to bring these standards in compliance with the Complete Streets Policy.
3. These design standards also serve as guidance for all existing roadway rehabilitation, reconstruction, or resurfacing, to the extent that the work required is reasonably proportional to the scale of the proposed rehabilitation, reconstruction, or resurfacing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this seventh day of March, 2022

ATTEST:



Ralph M. Hutchison, Manager



(Vice) Chairman
East Lampeter Township