Susan M. Kay Mayor

Town of Weymouth Massachusetts



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Complete Streets Resolution: Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts

Effective Date	Upon adoption
Revisions	NA
Mayor Adoption Date	December 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals have unanimously voted to adopt a Complete Streets Policy for the Town of Weymouth; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of Complete Streets include providing alternate means of transportation, increasing walking and bicycling, increasing mobility for those without access to automobiles, and reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails, and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles, and for people of all ages and of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network, as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program and Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Town of Weymouth hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, and for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Complete Streets practices will become a routine part of the everyday operations for all Town departments involved in the project review process, and these departments should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public and private streets and the transportation network for all users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transportation projects may be excluded from application of Complete Streets elements when costs are excessively disproportionate to future use or would be inappropriate in light of the scope of the project, as determined by Mayor of the Town of Weymouth in consultation with appropriate Town departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that incorporation of Complete Streets design principles will be considered for the planning, design, approval, and implementation of all transportation projects and processes for construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town will utilize the latest design guidance and standards available in the implementation of Complete Streets, including:

- Massachusetts Project Development and Design Guide (2006)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
 Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (1999)
- Architectural Access Board (AAB) 521CMR Rules and Regulations
- Town of Weymouth Master Plan (2001)
- Town of Weymouth Open Space and Recreation Plan (2014)
- Town of Weymouth Safe Routes for Seniors Report (2014)
- Town of Weymouth Regulatory Assessment for Healthy Community Design (2015)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Mayor of the Town of Weymouth and that notification of said adoption shall be provided to the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Municipal Licenses and Inspections, and Department of Public Health.

Resolution adopted by:

Susan M. Kay, Mayor

<u> 1212/115</u> Date