



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2010-0557

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development, ext. 2572

DATE: December 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Legislation Presentation – Chris Hackbarth, Legislative Associate, Michigan Municipal League

REQUEST:

Michigan Municipal League (MML) Presentation regarding the Complete Streets Legislation

BACKGROUND:

The State of Michigan recently adopted new legislation regarding road and street design in the State. The Complete Streets Legislation provides additional tools for communities to plan road projects and offers educational resources to make their communities more walkable. A critical component includes language that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) or a road commission to take the desires of a local community into consideration during the planning and design of a project within a municipality. The new legislation does not mandate any local road agency to adopt a Complete Streets policy or spend any additional dollars for nonmotorized facilities.

Staff requested that representatives from MML present an overview of the new legislation to Council, including what responsibilities there may be for a local municipality. The MML played a large role in the creation and adoption of the new legislation.

Summary of the legislation

Changes to Act 51 under PA 135:

- Requires counties, cities, villages, and MDOT to consult with one another when planning a non-motorized project affecting a transportation facility that belongs to another road agency.
- Identifies non-motorized facilities contributing to complete streets as eligible for funding.
- Requires the State Transportation Commission (STC), within two years, to adopt a Complete Streets policy for MDOT, and to make model Complete Streets policies available to municipalities and counties.
- Requires state and local road agencies to consult with each other and agree on how to address Complete Streets for projects that affect a roadway under another road agency's jurisdiction.
- Allows MDOT to provide technical assistance and coordination to local agencies in the development and implementation of their policies.

- Requires MDOT to share expertise in non-motorized and multi-modal planning in the development of projects within municipal boundaries.
- Allows agencies to enter into agreements with one another to provide maintenance for facilities constructed to implement a Complete Streets policy.
- Creates a 16-member Complete Streets Advisory Council within MDOT, to advise the STC and local agencies in the development, implementation, and coordination of Complete Streets policies. One member of this council will be a representative of the Michigan Municipal League.

Changes to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act under PA 134:

- Modifies the definition of “streets” to include all legal users, including bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Expands the elements that may be included in a master plan to encompass all transportation systems that move people and goods.
- Specifies that transportation improvements identified in a plan are appropriate to the context of the community and considers all legal users of the public right of way.
- Ensures that transportation elements of the master plan will be implemented in cooperation with applicable county road commission or MDOT.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking input from City Council regarding potential next steps.

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
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