



Department of Planning and Development

To: Planning Commission
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Subject: Complete Streets Policy
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Attached is the first draft of a potential complete streets policy for the City. The policy is based largely on the Saline approach, with some additions to reflect conditions in Rochester Hills. We are distributing this draft to you for your review at this time. We will review and discuss the proposed policy in detail at an upcoming meeting.

Highlights include:

- Goals statements that communicate the overall purpose of the policy.
- Designation of the non-motorized transportation plan element of the Master Thoroughfare Plan as the short term complete streets plan.
- A statement that the Master Thoroughfare and Master Land Use plans will, when next updated, include complete streets elements.
- Complete streets plans will be based on the recommendations of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' *Context Sensitive Solutions in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities*. That publication is a recommended practice, and provides an adopted foundation within the transportation engineering realm for creating a complete streets plan.
- References under complete streets improvements to acknowledged design manuals for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- An exceptions section that allows the City to opt-out of complete streets improvements under certain circumstances. This is consistent with the State complete streets legislation (P.A. 135 of 2010).

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