

Ordinance #21-05

Exhibit A

“Complete Streets” Policy for the Village of Beverly

VISION/INTENT

This “Complete Streets” Policy shall guide the Village of Beverly to develop a safe, reliable efficient, integrated, and connected multimodal transportation system that promotes access, mobility, and healthy behaviors for all users. This policy is a self-imposed process to develop and promote an inclusive stewardship of transportation facilities in the Village.

ALL USERS AND MODES

The Village of Beverly will strive to obtain designs that promote the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system including, but not limited to, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, people of all ages and abilities, motorists, commercial traffic, and connected/autonomous vehicles, commercial traffic, and connected/autonomous vehicles.

PROJECTS AND PHASES

The Village of Beverly will approach every proposed and upgraded proposed transportation improvement as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible streets for all users. These phases include, but are not limited to, planning, programming, design, right-of-way, including capital improvements, re-channelization projects, and major maintenance of utilities and pavement of utilities and pavement will also be considered.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions will be determined by the Mayor and may generally occur when:

1. An impacted roadway prohibits, by law, use by specified users in which case an effort shall be made to accommodate those specified users elsewhere, including on roadways that cross or otherwise intersect with the impact/impacted roadway;
2. The costs of providing accommodations) are excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;
3. Transit accommodations are not required where there is no existing planned service; and
4. Routine maintenance of the transportation network does not inhibit the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot repairs.

CONNECTIVITY/NETWORK

The Village of Beverly shall support movement along and across arterials, collectors, and local streets within a dense, interconnected and integrated network. Walking, biking, and transit will be considered to provide transportation options so that users may reach many potential destinations.

JURISDICTION

All Village owned transportation facilities in the public right of way including, but not limited to streets, bridges, and all other connecting pathways will, to the extent feasible and reasonably possible, be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so that users of all ages and abilities may travel safely and independently.

DESIGN

The Village of Beverly will follow current design standards available including, but not limited to, existing design guidance from the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), state Departments of Transportation, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). “Complete Streets” projects can include green scaping and storm water management.

In recognition of various contests, public input and the needs of many users, a flexible, innovative and balanced approach that follows other appropriate design standards may be considered, provided that the safety of all users is considered.

CONTEXT SENSITIVITY

The Village of Beverly will implement “Complete Streets” solutions in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and character of neighborhoods, districts, and/or zones aligns transportation and land use goals, provides for historical preservation considerations of neighborhoods, districts, and/or zones, historical preservation considerations, and recognizes that the needs of users may vary by case, community and/or corridor.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Village of Beverly will report the status of projects and their incorporation of this will “Complete Streets” Policy in the annual report prepared by the Mayor and the Streets, Alleys, & Sidewalks Committee.

The reports will be compiled over time with meaningful trends derived and reported to Village Council annually. The reports may take into consideration improvements made in the street network prior to the adoption of this ordinance.