

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 107

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” standards are defined as “ensuring the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles;”

WHEREAS, a “Complete Streets” program includes, but is not limited to, sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, accessible public transportation stops, safe and accommodating crossing options, median islands, pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, and roundabouts;

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” standards promote walking and bicycling by providing safer places to achieve physical activity through transportation;

WHEREAS, the concept of “Complete Streets” encompasses many approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights of way with all users in mind to make the transportation network safer and more efficient;

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” principles should be considered in future street and transportation plans for both new and retrofit projects in the City of Cullman;

WHEREAS, the application of “Complete Streets” standards will vary depending on the surrounding land uses and densities and its general context, however street and transportation plans should be guided by the principle that streets should promote transportation options for all people; specifically, to include individuals with disabilities and persons with mobility problems;

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” can spark economic and community development by helping create walkable, vibrant communities where businesses can thrive and be strong, livable neighborhoods for residents of the City of Cullman and the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” can play a role by reducing pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and deaths, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality both by promoting alternative forms of transportation and by helping improve traffic flow;

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Cullman have expressed a strong desire for increased transportation options, including walking and cycling;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cullman supports a “Complete Streets” approach for the City of Cullman to enhance transportation options and to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Cullman community. The City Council urges the departments of the City of Cullman, Cullman County, and the State of Alabama, to implement “Complete Streets” practices that:

- Serve as guiding principles to design, construct, operate, and maintain the roadways to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users and people of all abilities;
- Create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network;
- Are given consideration in planning for both new and retrofit projects;
- Recognize the need for flexibility and identify “Complete Streets” solutions that fit the context of the community.

READ AND ADOPTED this the **22nd** day of **August 2022**.

Signed for the City of Cullman:

Mayor Woody Jacobs

ATTEST:

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk