

Member Pentel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPLETE STREETS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO
CONTINUE TO USE ESTABLISHED PLANS AND POLICIES SUPPORTING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR ALL USERS

WHEREAS, the "Complete Streets" concept promotes streets that are safe and convenient for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motor vehicle drivers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the National Complete Streets Coalition recognizes that complete streets policies include the following elements:

1. Includes a vision for how and why the community wants to complete its streets;
2. Specifies that 'all users' includes pedestrians, bicyclists and transit passengers of all ages and abilities, as well as trucks, buses and automobiles;
3. Encourages street connectivity and aims to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected network for all modes;
4. Is adoptable by all agencies to cover all roads;
5. Applies to both new and retrofit projects, including design, planning, maintenance, and operations, for the entire right of way;
6. Makes any exceptions specific and sets a clear procedure that requires high-level approval of exceptions;
7. Directs the use of the latest and best design criteria and guidelines while recognizing the need for flexibility in balancing user needs;
8. Directs that complete streets solutions will complement the context of the community;
9. Establishes performance standards with measurable outcomes;
10. Includes specific next steps for implementation of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden Valley recognizes the importance of supporting safe and efficient transportation networks for all users as demonstrated by the following adopted plans and policies:

1. Envision Golden Valley;
2. City of Golden Valley Sidewalk Plan;
3. City of Golden Valley Comprehensive Plan;
4. City of Golden Valley Pavement Management Policy;
5. City of Golden Valley Trail and Sidewalk Policy which references the Americans with Disabilities Act;
6. City of Golden Valley Trail and Sidewalk Maintenance Policy;
7. City of Golden Valley Public Participation program for Pavement Management Projects;
8. State of Minnesota Department of Transportation Municipal State Aid Standards;
9. City of Golden Valley Capital Improvement Plan;
10. City of Golden Valley Biennial Budget;

11. Features included in City street construction projects, including features to provide a transportation system that meets the needs of disabled users consistent with state and federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden Valley has partnered extensively with Hennepin County and the Three Rivers Park District on both local and regional sidewalk and trail planning and construction projects; and

WHEREAS, neighboring communities, Hennepin County, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation have adopted Complete Streets policies or resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Golden Valley encourages the continued effort to create a balanced transportation system, through appropriate planning, that integrates multiple transportation modes, where appropriate, for transportation users of all types, ages, and abilities.


Linda R. Loomis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan M. Virnig, City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Member Freiberg and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Freiberg, Loomis, Pentel, Scanlon and Shaffer; and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted, signed by the Mayor and her signature attested by the City Clerk.