

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY OF OLYMPIA'S COMPLETE STREETS GOALS, POLICY, DESIGN STANDARDS AND PRACTICES, WHICH ENCOURAGE WALKING, BIKING, AND TRANSIT USE ALONG WITH THE SAFE OPERATION OF CARS AND TRUCKS.

WHEREAS, the goals of the Transportation Chapter of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan are to provide a balanced multi-modal transportation system supporting walking, biking and transit as safe, convenient, and widely available modes of transportation for all people; and

WHEREAS, streets designed with Complete Streets concepts allow citizens of a wide range of age and ability access to low-cost alternatives to driving that can improve personal health through more physical activity and improve the environmental quality of our city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia's Engineering Design and Development Standards guide the development of new streets and includes specific features for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit buses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia's Engineering Design and Development Standards include specific design requirements to promote the safe operation of cars, trucks, trains and buses to safely share streets with bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia prepares plans and programs to identify and prioritize needed improvements for walking, biking, and transit service and car and truck operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Facilities Plan identifies funding to support the development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City's maintenance and operations practices are conducted in a manner that do not compromise the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and minimize inconvenience of people walking, biking, or riding the bus; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department expects to modify our design standards and practices as new innovations and technology emerge and become accepted by state and national officials; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Legislature has passed complete street legislation that encourages the Washington State Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all users in transportation-related projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To the extent feasible, the City of Olympia incorporates Complete Streets design concepts and practices as a routine part of infrastructure development, operations and maintenance.

Section 2. The City of Olympia plans for, designs and constructs transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and persons of all abilities, and promotes safety for all street users.

Section 3. The City of Olympia’s Comprehensive Plan incorporates Complete Streets principles, specifically in Goals GT1, GT2, and GT3 and associated policies PT 1.1 to PT 3.7 and in many other goals and policies of the Transportation Chapter.

Section 4. The City of Olympia’s Engineering Design and Development Standards integrates Complete Streets principles in the *Street Design Standards* and *Street Characteristics* found in Chapter 4.

Section 5. Transportation plans and programs, regulations, and procedural statements are regularly updated to better achieve a safe and accessible transportation system for all users.

Section 6. Complete Streets are achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements over time.

Section 7. Council’s intent is that multiple transportation funding sources be drawn upon to implement Complete Streets. Financial flexibility is important to implement Complete Street principles.

Section 8. This Ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and publication as provided by law.

Section 9. This Ordinance is not an amendment to the Olympia Municipal Code.

MAYOR

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