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Complete Streets Resolution: City of Keene, NH

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to assure safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets will help the City of Keene achieve our Cities for Climate Protection Committee goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as more people choose an alternative to the single occupant vehicle, thereby improving air quality and alleviating public health concerns such as asthma; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is consistent with the goals of the Keene Comprehensive Master Plan and Cheshire Medical Center's Vision 2020 Program to make us the healthiest community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vision 2020 sponsored Healthy Community Summit May 11, 2010 with built environment expert and consultant Mark Fenton where over 200 people representing businesses, organizations and towns throughout Cheshire County participated; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to develop and maintain a safe, efficient, balanced and environmentally sound transportation system for people of all ages and abilities, transportation and development projects shall incorporate a Complete Streets philosophy that expands transportation choices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with Keene Community Master Plan and Vision 2020's Active Living principles, the Board directs the City's planning and public works departments in collaboration with community groups and committees, to develop and submit for adoption of a City Complete Streets policy and report back annually to the City Council on how the policy will be implemented into all types and phases of the City of Keene's transportation and development projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council encourages cities, counties, and the state to work together to make Complete Streets a reality throughout New Hampshire.

Adapted from the Complete Streets Local Advocates Toolkit



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