



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the resolution adopting a Complete Streets Policy in the City of Naperville

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

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BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

On January 3, 2019, the Transportation Advisory Board recommended approval of the Complete Streets Policy (Approved 6-0); staff concurs.

BACKGROUND:

The City routinely applies for and receives federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for projects such as roadway resurfacing, roadway reconstruction, and other transportation-related capital improvement projects. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) distributes these funds, and recently modified the project selection criteria to include regional performance measures in conformance with federal requirements. Projects are scored on their transportation impact, project readiness, and inclusion of planning factors.

In the upcoming 2019 call for projects, one of the newly incorporated planning factors is that an agency must have an adopted Complete Streets policy in order to score points in that category. To ensure that the City can be competitive in applying for STP funds, staff has developed a formal Complete Streets policy. Projects submitted by the City for STP funding will be eligible for additional points in the planning factors category once the Complete Streets policy has been approved by City Council.

DISCUSSION:

Complete Streets is the concept that roadways should be designed to safely and conveniently accommodate all users and all travel modes. The City of Naperville's Complete Streets policy (attached) was developed using guidance and resource materials from CMAP, as well as research of how other communities are encompassing Complete Streets.

While the City has not previously had a formally adopted Complete Streets policy, many of the design elements and philosophies described in the attached policy are already in use. Notably, many components of the City's established Comprehensive Transportation Plan are also elements of Complete Streets. By adopting this policy, the City will now be formally applying Complete Streets practices as part of transportation projects.

Transportation Advisory Board

The Complete Streets Policy was presented to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) on January 3, 2019 for consideration. No members of the public provided comment on the policy. TAB voted to recommend approval of the Complete Streets Policy. Six members voted in favor of the recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact due to the adoption of the Complete Streets Policy.