

RESOLUTION NO. 5653

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, paths, stairs, lanes, alleys and highways (including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors) for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the City's context; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito's General Plan Circulation and Parking Element promulgates objectives, policies and programs that are intended to result in Complete Streets including the Introduction to Section 5.1 which states that, "(t)he purpose of the Circulation and Parking Element is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the movement of people and goods which is fully coordinated with the other elements of the General Plan. The Element establishes policies and implementation programs for the transportation system which will accommodate and support the land use and economic activities planned for Sausalito to the year 2005. In doing so, it recognizes the desire of the citizens of Sausalito to limit major roadway widening. The City's intent is to minimize traffic congestion to maintain an appropriate level of mobility and assure that future growth and change does not result in an unacceptable deterioration in traffic service levels. In order to achieve this the element also emphasizes public transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and parking and transportation management programs;" Objective CP-4.0, which states the objective of: "(e)nhanc(ing) bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and programs to reduce the use of motorized vehicles within the City and reduce conflicts between bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists;" Policy CP-4.7 to, "provide a safe walking environment along City streets and pathways," with Program CP-4. 7.1 specifically to "(c)oordinate with the School District to identify routes for children on the way to school;" Policy CP-4.9 to, "(f)acilitate access for the physically disabled to sidewalks and pathways throughout the City;" and

WHEREAS, AB 1358 added the following language to the California Government Code, Section 65302(b)(2)(A): "(c)ommencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantive revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan (and) (B) (f)or purposes of this paragraph, "users of streets, roads, and highways" mean bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito acknowledges the benefits of and value to public health and the environment from reducing vehicle miles travelled and increasing the miles travelled by walking, bicycling and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito recognizes that planning and development of Complete Streets infrastructure provides benefits and value to public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the California Global Warming Solution Act of 2006 (AB 1358) established a mandate for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in California, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires emissions reductions through

coordinated regional planning that integrates transportation, housing, and land-use policy, and achieving the goals of these laws will require significant increases in travel by public transit, bicycling, and walking; and

WHEREAS, numerous California counties, cities, and agencies have adopted Complete Streets policies and legislation in order to further the health, safety, welfare, economic vitality, and environmental well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, doing so will in no way compromise the City Council's authority to determine the scope and cost of any improvements to the public right-of-way in Sausalito; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, wishes to improve its commitment to Complete Streets and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable, and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sausalito:

1. That the City of Sausalito adopts the Complete Streets Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part of this Resolution.
2. That the next substantial revision of the City of Sausalito General Plan Circulation Element shall incorporate Complete Streets policies and principles consistent with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 (AB 1358) and with the Complete Streets Policy adopted by this Resolution.

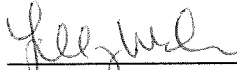
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sausalito on the 23rd day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers:	Burns, Hoffman, Cox, Mayor Withy
NOES:	Councilmembers:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	None



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MAYOR

ATTEST:



LILLY WHALEN
CITY CLERK

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

A. Complete Streets Principles

1. Complete Streets Serving All Users. The City of Sausalito expresses its commitment to creating and maintaining Complete Streets when and where feasible that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient travel along and across streets (including streets, roads, highways, bridges, and other components of the transportation system) through a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that serves all categories of users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families.
2. Context Sensitivity. In planning and implementing street projects, the City of Sausalito shall maintain sensitivity to local conditions in both residential and business districts as well as urban, suburban, and rural areas, and shall consider input from residents, merchants, and other stakeholders to ensure that a strong sense of place ensues. Improvements that will be considered include sidewalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, bicycle routes, paved shoulders, street trees and landscaping, planting strips, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks, refuge islands, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, bicycle parking facilities, public transportation stops and facilities, transit priority signalization, and other features assisting in the provision of safe travel for all users, such as traffic calming circles, transit bulb outs, way-finding signs and traffic channelization.
3. Complete Streets Routinely Addressed by All Departments. All relevant departments of the City of Sausalito shall work towards making Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, approach every relevant project, program, and practice as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all categories of users, and work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to maximize opportunities for Complete Streets, connectivity, and cooperation. The following projects provide opportunities: pavement resurfacing, re-striping, accessing above and underground utilities, signalization operations or modifications, and maintenance of landscaping and related features.
4. All Projects and Phases. Complete Streets infrastructure sufficient to enable reasonably safe travel along and across the right of way for each category of users shall be considered in all planning, funding, design, approval, and implementation processes for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, operations, alteration, or repair of streets (including streets, roads, highways, bridges, and other portions of the transportation system), except that specific infrastructure for a given category of users may be excluded if an exemption is approved under the process set forth in section C.1 of this policy.

B. Implementation

1. Plan Consultation and Consistency. Maintenance, planning, and design of projects affecting the transportation system shall be consistent with local bicycle, pedestrian, transit, multimodal, and other relevant plans, except that where such consistency cannot be achieved without negative consequences, consistency shall not be

required if the head of the relevant department provides written approval explaining the basis of such deviation.

2. Street Network/Connectivity. As feasible, the City of Sausalito shall incorporate Complete Streets infrastructure into existing streets to improve the safety and convenience of users and to create employment, with the particular goal of creating a connected network of facilities accommodating each category of users, and increasing connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries and for existing and anticipated future areas of travel origination or destination.

3. Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Consultation. At the discretion of the City Manager, transportation projects may be referred for review by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee early in the planning and design stage, to provide the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee and the community an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding Complete Streets features to be incorporated into the project.

4. Evaluation. As feasible, departments shall perform evaluations of how well the streets and transportation network of the City of Sausalito are serving each category of users by collecting baseline data and collecting follow-up data on a regular basis.

C. Exemptions

1. Leadership Approval for Exemptions. Projects that warrant Complete Streets exemptions must provide written findings as to why accommodations for all modes were not included in the project, and shall be authorized by the Public Works Director, City Engineer or City Manager. Projects that are granted exceptions must be made publicly available for review. Federal guidance on can be found from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) *Accommodating Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel: A Recommended Approach* and other documents¹.

¹ http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/guidance/