

DUTCHESS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION 02/2016

RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" is the concept that streets should be planned, designed, operated and maintained to support safe travel by all types of users: people walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving, as well as by people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Walk Bike Dutchess, the Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan for Dutchess County, recommended the creation of an inter-departmental Complete Streets Committee to develop a Complete Streets policy for Dutchess County and promote walking and bicycling more broadly; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Committee includes staff from Planning and Development, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council, Public Works, Behavioral and Community Health, Office for the Aging, Division of Public Transit, Traffic Safety Board, and Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Committee has developed the policy based on national best practices; and

WHEREAS, the policy states : *Dutchess County shall strive to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain its streets, bridges, bus system, parks, trails, and buildings to promote safe, comfortable, efficient and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities and for all types of transportation, including walking, bicycling, riding the bus, and driving, to the greatest extent possible. Over time, these facilities will be integrated into a countywide network that promotes the health, safety, environment, and economic vitality of Dutchess County and makes it a more desirable place to live, work and visit; and*

WHEREAS, a checklist has been developed to assist Departments in their implementation of the policy; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Planning Board has reviewed the proposed Policy and supports its implementation by appropriate Departments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Planning Board recommends that the Dutchess County Legislature adopt the proposed Complete Street Policy.

	Yes	No	Absent
Hans Klingzahn, Chair	_____	_____	_____
James Nelson, Vice Chair	_____	_____	_____
Colleen Cruikshank	_____	_____	_____
Joel Diamond	_____	_____	_____
Michael Dupree	_____	_____	_____
Hans Hardisty	_____	_____	_____
Edward P. Hauser	_____	_____	_____
Warren Temple Smith	_____	_____	_____
Jill Way	_____	_____	_____
John Weisman	_____	_____	_____
Fredrick Wilhelm	_____	_____	_____
J. Randall Williams	_____	_____	_____

September 14, 2016

Hans Klingzahn, Chair

Date