

RESOLUTION NO. 2016244

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A  
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

Legislators BORCHERT, PULVER, MICCIO, STRAWINSKI, LANDISI, TRUITT, FLESLAND, INCORONATO, SAGLIANO, AMPARO, RIESER, BRENDLI, and JETER-JACKSON offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the County desires to become the healthiest county in New York, and

WHEREAS, the County further desires to support the revitalization of our cities, town centers, and villages, and

WHEREAS, the County, in realizing these goals, desires to provide accessible environments for people of all ages and abilities, and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to institute a "Complete Streets Policy" which shall seek to plan, design, construct operate and maintain its streets, bridges, bus systems (including buses, stops, shelters, etc) parks, trails and buildings to promote safe, comfortable, efficient and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities as well as for all types of transportation, including walking, bicycling, riding the bus, and driving to the greatest extent possible, and

WHEREAS, over time this policy is intended to develop a countywide network that promotes the health, safety, environment, economic vitality of the County and make it a more desirable place to live, work and visit, and

WHEREAS, under this policy the County shall foster partnerships with the State of New York, neighboring counties, municipalities, school districts and property owners to develop facilities that further this policy, and

WHEREAS, the County's Complete Streets Committee has developed a Complete Streets Policy based on national best practices, and the policy is supported by the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Behavioral & Community Health, Office for the Aging, Sheriff's Office, Traffic Safety Board, Division of Public Transit, as well as the Dutchess County Planning Board, Office for the Aging Advisory Board, and Dutchess County Board of Health; and

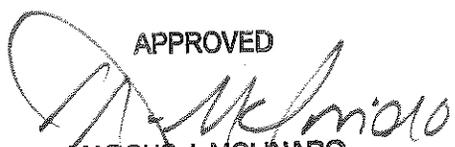
WHEREAS, the County's Complete Streets Committee hereby recommends and offers the attached policy to be implemented for the above referenced objectives, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Departments of Public Works and Planning and Development, on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized to develop a Complete Street checklist to implement

this policy, which shall be consistent with the intent of this policy, and which shall be modified as necessary at the discretion of the Commissioners of said Departments, to remain consistent with the intent of this policy, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves and adopts the Complete Streets Policy to be implemented by the Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions.

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09/15/16  
Fiscal Impact: See attached statement

APPROVED  
  
MARCUS J. MOLINARO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Date 10/13/2016

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

ss:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 11th day of October 2016, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

  
CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

## **Dutchess County Complete Streets Policy**

### **Policy**

Dutchess County shall strive to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain its streets, bridges, bus system (buses, stops, shelters, etc.), parks, trails, and buildings (herein after referred to as Facilities) 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.

### **Jurisdiction**

This policy shall apply to all transportation-related elements of projects involving County property, including County roads, parks and buildings, as well as public and private projects over which the County Department of Public Works has permitting authority.

The County shall foster partnerships with the State of New York, neighboring counties, municipalities, and school districts and other property owners to develop facilities that further the County's Complete Streets Policy.

### **Projects and Phases**

Dutchess County shall approach every transportation-related improvement and project phase as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible Facilities for all people. Project phases include but are not limited to planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance.

### **Design**

Dutchess County will generally follow accepted or adopted design standards and use the latest design standards available, including but not limited to design guidance from the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the US Access Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

Dutchess County shall implement this Complete Streets policy in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and character, aligns transportation and land use goals, and recognizes that needs may vary by case or community.

In recognition of these various contexts, public input and a variety of transportation needs, a flexible, innovative and balanced approach that follows other appropriate design standards may be considered, provided that a comparable level of safety for all people is present.

### **Performance Measures**

Dutchess County shall measure the success of this Complete Streets policy using the following performance measures:

1. Total miles of sidewalk (countywide)
2. Total miles of on-street bicycle facilities (countywide)

3. Total miles of County roadways with shoulder widths of four (4) feet or more
4. Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters
5. Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters accessible via sidewalks and curb ramps

Benchmarks for each of the performance measures, as listed below, will be used to track the performance of the policy. Performance measure reports shall be developed at least every five years and posted online.

	Performance Measure	Current Status (2016)	5 Year Goal*	10 Year Goal*
1	Total miles of sidewalk (countywide)	523	528	533
2	Total miles of on-street bicycle facilities (countywide)	1.5	3	5
3	Total miles of County roadways with shoulder widths of four (4) feet or more	18.5 (5% of total centerline mileage)	23.5	26.0
4	Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters	9	13	20
5	Number of Dutchess County Public Transit bus stop shelters accessible via sidewalks and curb ramps	5	9	16

*\*Goals are intended to be reached within 5 and 10 years of policy implementation.*

#### Implementation

1. A project's compliance with this policy shall be determined based on completion of a Dutchess County Complete Streets checklist.
2. The Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions will incorporate Complete Streets principles into existing procedures, programs, plans, manuals, checklists, regulations, and other processes as appropriate.
3. The Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Development, and other relevant County Departments and Divisions will review current design standards, guides, and policies, and develop new design standards/guides/policies or revise existing standards/guides/policies as needed to reflect current best practices.
4. The County shall support staff professional development and training on Complete Streets principles and best practices for implementing this Complete Streets policy.

5. The County shall promote inter-departmental coordination to ensure the consistent application of this Complete Streets policy.

#### Exceptions

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Dutchess County Department of Public Works in consultation with the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and other relevant County Departments and Divisions. Exceptions must be documented with supporting data that indicates the basis for the decision. Such documentation shall be publicly available.

Exceptions may be considered when:

1. A Facility under consideration prohibits, by law, specified types of transportation, in which case greater effort shall be made to accommodate those transportation types nearby the Facility under consideration;
2. The costs of providing accommodation are excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;
3. The existing and planned population, employment densities, traffic volumes, or level of bus or train service around a particular Facility is so low as to demonstrate an absence of current and future need;
4. The activities are routine maintenance that do not change the Facility's operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot pavement repair;
5. There is a reasonable and equivalent project near the Facility under consideration that is already programmed to provide the accommodations promoted by this policy.

Capital road maintenance projects (e.g. resurfacing, pavement markings, overlays, etc.) are not exempted, as they may provide opportunities for improvements to shoulder widths and/or conditions, pavement markings, and signage.

This policy was adopted by the Dutchess County Legislature on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

This policy becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

## *Public Works and Capital Projects Roll Call*

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
District 3 - Town of LaGrange	Borchert*		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	Miccio*		
District 13 - Towns of LaGrange, East Fishkill, and Wappinger	Bolner*		
District 20 - Town of Red Hook	Strawinski*	<i>absent</i>	
District 14 - Town of Wappinger	Amparo*		
District 4 - Town of Hyde Park	Black		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Roman		
District 7 - Towns of Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie	Truitt		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli		
District 15 - Town of Wappinger	Incoronato (VC)		
District 18 - City of Beacon and Town of Fishkill	Landisi		
District 19 - Towns of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan	Pulver (C)		

Present: <u>11</u>	Resolution: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total :	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>
Absent: <u>0</u>	Motion: <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes	No
Vacant: <u>0</u>		Abstentions:	<u>0</u>	

# Roll Call Sheets

District	Last Name	Yes	No
District 3 - Town of LaGrange	Borchert		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	Miccio		
District 13 - Towns of LaGrange, East Fishkill, and Wappinger	Bolner		
District 20 - Town of Red Hook	Strawinski		
District 14 - Town of Wappinger	Amparo	<i>absent</i>	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Nesbitt		
District 2 - Towns of Pleasant Valley and Poughkeepsie	Sagliano		
District 4 - Town of Hyde Park	Black		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Roman		
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Flesland		
District 7 - Towns of Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie	Truitt		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	<i>absent</i>	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Rieser		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Jeter-Jackson		
District 11 - Towns of Rhinebeck and Clinton	Tyner		
District 12 - Town of East Fishkill	Metzger		
District 15 - Town of Wappinger	Incoronato		
District 16 - Town of Fishkill and City of Beacon	Forman		
District 18 - City of Beacon and Town of Fishkill	Landisi		
District 19 - Towns of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan	Pulver		
District 21 - Town of East Fishkill	Horton		
District 22 - Towns of Beekman and Union Vale	Coviello		
District 23 - Towns of Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Thomes		
District 24 - Towns of Dover and Union Vale	Surman		
District 25 - Towns of Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley	Washburn		

Present:	<u>23</u>	Resolution:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total :	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>
Absent:	<u>2</u>	Motion:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No
Vacant:	<u>0</u>			Abstentions:	<u>0</u>	

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Date: October 11, 2016