

## VILLAGE OF WILSON

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### Village of Wilson Complete Streets Policy

**WHEREAS;** The Village of Wilson business district is a welcoming and thriving mixed-use business district that is well connected and integral to our community's vibrancy and surrounding lakefront; and

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson realizes the importance of connecting the waterfront to the business district and beyond safely for all transportation users,

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson supports such initiatives as the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council's Regional Bike Buffalo Niagara master plan, and the Niagara River Greenway Commission's vision,

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson shall plan for, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of appropriate facilities for all transportation users in all new construction, retrofit, and reconstruction projects; and

**WHEREAS;** streets that integrate alternative transportation options for pedestrians and bicyclists, with special consideration for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities; contribute to the social, sustainable, community and economic well-being, and efficient movement of people and goods; and

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson shall, to the maximum extent practical consider Complete Streets design principals that will provide a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities for all users of all abilities; and

**WHEREAS;** any exception to applying this Complete Streets Policy to a specific roadway project must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees with documentation of the reason for the exception such as cost or absence of need; In this case, an effort shall be made to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS;** this policy will create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for the Village of Wilson that balances access, mobility, health, and safety needs for all residents; and

**WHEREAS;** it is the intent of this policy to foster partnerships with the state, county, school district, citizens, businesses, interest groups, and neighborhoods to implement complete streets; and **WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson shall develop, and adopt departmental policies, design criteria, standards, and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations, including but not limited to the latest editions of:

- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) - A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
- AASHTO Guide for Planning, Designing, and Operating Pedestrian Facilities

- AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context-Sensitive Approach
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide
- U.S. Access Board Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines
- Highway Capacity Manual and Highway Safety Manual; and

**WHEREAS;** the implementation of this policy shall reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments while enhancing the appearance of such, and

**WHEREAS;** Complete Streets should be continuously evaluated for success and opportunities for improvement sought. This policy encourages the regular evaluation and reporting of implementing complete streets through performance measures such as the Smart Growth America -Complete Streets Policy Framework; and

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Wilson shall implement the following steps to ensure successful implementation of complete streets:

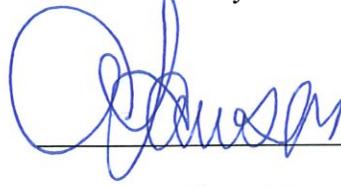
- *Advisory Board:* The village will establish an interdepartmental advisory board to oversee the implementation of this policy, to include members of the village (board members, zoning board, school board, highway department), county (planning department and highway department), the NYS Department of Transportation, the police department, as well as representatives from bicycling, pedestrian, disabled, youth, and elderly communities or any other organizations as deemed relevant. This committee will meet quarterly and provide a written report to the Village Board of Trustees evaluating progress and advising on implementation.
- *Inventory:* The village will maintain a comprehensive inventory of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway networks.
- *Capital Improvement and Maintenance Project Prioritization:* The village will reevaluate capital improvement and maintenance project prioritization annually to encourage implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
- *Revisions to Existing Plans and Policies:* The village will incorporate complete street principles into the comprehensive plan, zoning code, and other plans and manuals, rules, regulations, and programs.
- *Staff Training:* The village will train all pertinent staff on the content of complete streets principles and best practices for implementing the policy.
- *Coordination:* The village will utilize interdepartmental project coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of fiscal resources for activities that occur within the public right-of-way.
- *Street Manual:* The village will create and adopt a Complete Streets Design Manual to support the implementation of this policy.
- *Funding:* The village will actively seek sources of appropriate funding to implement complete streets.

**RESOLVED;** that the Village of Wilson Board of Trustees adopts the Complete Street Policies listed above as an official policy of the Village.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by Resolution on March 20, 2025

Resolution: 10-2025



Village of Wilson, Mayor

Roll Call:

Arthur Lawson, Mayor	Yes	No	Absent
Greg Martin, Trustee	Yes	No	Absent
Ellen Hibbard, Trustee	Yes	No	Absent
Joanne Seefeldt, Trustee	Yes	No	Absent



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Certification of Clerk