

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2015

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A "COMPLETE STREETS"  
PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF LA PORTE

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets program will allow for healthier and cost effective methods of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, creating Complete Streets reduces infrastructure costs by requiring far less pavement per user compared to increasing road capacity for vehicles alone; this saves money at the onset of the project and reduces maintenance costs over the long-term; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of La Porte would like to improve the quality of streets and sidewalks to assist the residents of La Porte and make walking and bicycling more convenient; and,

WHEREAS, improving streets and sidewalks will provide increased access to jobs, retail, and schools; and,

WHEREAS, a well-designed network of Complete Streets will provide benefits and safety to the community and its residents.

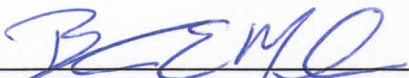
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of La Porte, Indiana:

SECTION I. A Complete Streets program is hereby adopted to ensure that all aspects of transportation needs will be reviewed before final street designs are approved. An outline of the program is attached as Attachment A.

SECTION II. The City may develop a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that will promote access, mobility and health for all users, and will work to ensure the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system are accommodated, including pedestrians, bicyclists, people of all ages and abilities, motorists, emergency responders, freight providers and adjacent land users.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of La Porte, Indiana, this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2015.

  
Blair E. Milo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa L. Ludlow  
Teresa L. Ludlow, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED by me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2015.

Blair E. Milo  
Blair E. Milo, Mayor

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM OUTLINE**

#### **VISION/INTENT**

La Porte's Complete Streets Program direct the City of La Porte to develop a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that promotes access, mobility and health for all users.

#### **ALL USERS AND MODES**

The City of La Porte will work to provide for the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system are accommodated, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, people of all ages and abilities, motorists, emergency responders, freight providers and adjacent land users.

#### **PROJECTS AND PHASES**

The City of La Porte may approach every transportation improvement and project phase as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible streets for all users. These phases include, but are not limited: planning, programming, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering, reconstruction, operation and maintenance. Other changes to transportation facilities on streets and rights-of-way, including capital improvements and major maintenance, must also be included.

#### **CONNECTIVITY/NETWORK**

The City of La Porte may support movement along and across arterial, collector and local streets within a dense, inter connected network. Walking, biking and transit will provide transportation options so that users may reach many potential destinations.

#### **JURISDICTION**

All city-owned transportation facilities in the public right of way including, but not limited to, streets, may be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained with the intent of creating the greatest reasonable opportunity for users of all ages and abilities to travel safely and independently.

Privately constructed streets and parking lots may adhere to this policy.

#### **DESIGN**

The City of La Porte may follow accepted or adopted design standards and use the best and latest design standards available, including but not limited to, existing design guidance from the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA), City of La Porte Design Standards, American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), state Departments of Transportation, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).

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

### **CONTEXT SENSITIVITY**

The City of La Porte may implement Complete Streets solutions in a manner that takes in to consideration the local context and character, aligns transportation and land use goals, and recognizes that the need of users may vary by corridor.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The City of La Porte may develop metrics to measure the success of this Complete Streets Program through the Office of the City Engineer. The Office of the City Engineer after establishing the metrics may produce reports to determine regular goals for the Complete Streets Program.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Restructure or revise related procedures, plans, regulations, and other processes with the goal of accommodating as many types of transportation users as possible.
2. Require consideration of Complete Street Design Guidelines for each specific project.
3. Adopt the Active Transportation Alliance: Complete Streets Complete Networks, Manual for the Design of Active Transportation as a primary design guideline and revise existing guidelines to reflect current state of best practice in transportation design.
4. Develop performance and reporting measures.
5. Any project that falls under this program, including for private projects, must be approved by the Complete Streets Committee consisting of the City Planner, City Engineer, appointed member of the traffic commission, that member being one of the three council members assigned, and another council member to be selected by the council, and be documented with supporting data that indicates the basis for the decision.