A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to assure safety and accessibility for all the users of the public right-of-way, and to reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation and transit; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies acknowledge the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling, and public transportation;

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, furthering the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School programs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Physical Activity Guideline; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover has worked with the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization to plan for and construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements both within road rights-of-ways and through parks, to help develop an interconnected network for pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover annually directs resources to improving the sidewalk system through the City’s Capital Improvement Plan, and through provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and development review process requires sidewalks, landscaping, and other site design features to provide for safe amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover coordinates closely with the Department of Transportation as the State’s Complete Streets policy is applied to projects within the City of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of code requirements, maintenance of sidewalks, and coordination with the Department of Transportation result in a policy of Complete Streets in the City of Dover;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover, that The City of Dover is committed to implementing the code requirements and policies to ensure a network of Complete Streets in Dover that achieves principles of connectivity; fosters walkable, bikable, and transit-friendly communities; and reduces automobile dependency.

ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2017

Actions History
05/23/2017 - Council Committee of the Whole/Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee - Recommended Adoption
04/10/2017 - City Council - Approved the Council Committee of the Whole/Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee's Recommendation to Place the Resolution Back on an Agenda for Consideration by the Council Committee of the Whole Safety/Advisory and Transportation Committee
03/28/2017 - Council Committee of the Whole/Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee - Recommended Placing the Resolution Back on an Agenda for Consideration by the Council Committee of the Whole/Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee
02/13/2017 - City Council - Referred back to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
01/24/2017 - Introduced - Council Committee of the Whole/Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee