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Agenda Item # 7-A

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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- Type of Item:
- Public Hearing
 - Ordinance First Reading
 - Ordinance Second Reading
 - Resolution
 - Discussion & Action
 - Council Approval

Subject: Complete Street Resolution

BACKGROUND:

A "Complete Street" is one planned, designed and maintained to comfortably accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists of all ages and ability levels. Complete Streets feature elements such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, full-featured transit stops, pedestrian and bicycle oriented traffic signals, medians, pedestrian crossing islands, curb extensions and more. There is no single design for a Complete Street, each one is unique and tailored to the community context.

The benefits of Complete Streets are many and varied. They improve safety for all users of the facility including the pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older citizens, drivers, and the mobility challenged. Complete streets connects employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities; promotes healthy lifestyles, creates more livable communities, reduces traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Street design that is inclusive of all modes of transportation has economic benefits as well. It has been proven to improve conditions for existing businesses, and as a method for revitalizing an area and attracting new development.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 643-11.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 643-11

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

Reviewed by City Attorney

Reviewed by Finance Dept.

Reviewed by:

1st Discussion Date: 6/14/2011	2nd Discussion Date: date.	Third Discussion Date: date.	Other Dates: date.
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RESOLUTION NO. 643-11

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A "COMPLETE STREETS POLICY" TO INTEGRATE BICYCLING, WALKING, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT WITH THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES; PRESENTING GUIDELINES FOR ROUTINELY INCORPORATING COMPLETE STREETS INTO PRACTICE AND TO REPORT ANNUALLY ON COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Florida Legislature directed FDOT to determine ways to increase the use of bicycles in order to conserve energy, reduce pollution, and improve health, and established FDOT's Conserve by Bicycle Program Study, which recommended that "public agencies accommodate bicycling on all non-limited access roadways in Florida"; and, warns that "the way Florida plans its development and roadways must change"; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 335.065, titled "Bicycle and pedestrian ways along state roads and transportation facilities" is part of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Pedestrian and Bicycle Procedure and states that "Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities...and bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any state transportation facility ..."; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" is an inclusive context sensitive design framework and infrastructure that enables safe and convenient access for transportation users of all ages and disabilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motor vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan, design, construct, re-construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, development of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure offers long term cost savings and opportunities to create safe and convenient non-motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit are more conducive to the public

life and efficient movement of people, rather than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, bicycling and using public transportation) offers the potential for improved public health, improved recreational and social activities, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equity, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, roadways designed with “complete streets” principles complement and enhance ongoing active living; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” principles have been and continue to be adopted nation-wide at state, county, and city levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulation that guide transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City’s Comprehensive Plan includes goals, objectives and policies that support Complete Streets and is committed to mobility for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: That the City of Orange City affirms that all road projects should be designed to comfortably accommodate all users to the fullest extent possible; that bicycling, walking, and public transit accommodations is a routine part of the city planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operating activities; and that bicycle and pedestrian ways should be considered in new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing or other retrofit road and bridge projects. In developing these accommodations, the latest, best, and context-sensitive design standards will be used, while recognizing the need for flexibility in balancing user needs.

SECTION 2: That very limited exceptions to these required accommodations are allowed under Florida Statutes, Section 335.065 related to state controlled roadways. The City of Orange City will review the formal approval process related to granting these exceptions along city roadways. The City will highly encourage other jurisdictions to respect and use a similar approach to complete streets for all other streets that are under the control of other jurisdictions within the boundaries of the City of Orange City or that influence the City.

SECTION 3: That the City Council encourages the State of Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation, Volusia County, and all the other municipalities within

Volusia County to embrace and adopt complete streets guidelines and policies and integrate them into their standard street design and operations.

SECTION 4: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS (Resolution No. 643-11):

Jeff H. Allebach	_____	Thomas Laputka	_____
Tom Abraham	_____	Anthony Pupello	_____
Gary Blair	_____	O. William Crippen, Vice Mayor	_____
Harley Strickland, Mayor	_____		

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

ATTEST TO:

Deborah J. Renner, City Clerk

Authenticated this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Harley Strickland, Mayor

This Resolution approved
as to form and legal sufficiency:

William Reischmann, City Attorney