

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENESEE  
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION # 11-13**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANNING USE AND  
ADOPTION OF THE CONCEPT KNOWN AS COMPLETE STREETS**

**The Township of Genesee RESOLVES:**

**SECTION I**

Purpose

To indicate the Township of Genesee's support of the Complete Streets Concept.

**SECTION II**

Title

The name of this resolution shall be the Complete Streets Resolution.

**SECTION III**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Guidance (2000) has stated that bicycling and walking facilities may be incorporated into some transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, creation and maintenance of facilities that effectively accommodate non-motorized travel can reduce the risk of injury by up to 30%; 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**, there is less demand for wide roads and a study conducted by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission reveals that reducing 4 lanes to 3 lanes (known as a "road diet") and adding pedestrians and bicycle facilities reduced traffic crashes; 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 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, 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 community revitalization efforts by the Charter Township of Genesee, and Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone, and numerous other community groups as well as education initiatives such as Safe Routes to School and Confident Cycling; and

**WHEREAS**, complete streets principles have been and continue to be adopted nationwide at state, county, township and city/village levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulations that guide transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Legislature has passed Complete Streets legislation through Public Acts 134 & 135, that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation to consider all users in transportation related projects and work with locals, townships, cities, and villages to including planning for Complete Streets in their transportation programming; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage the Genesee County Road Commission, other local road agencies, and other contracted agents in the county with the construction or reconstruction of transportation facilities to do so in accordance with Complete Streets, Context Sensitive Solutions and Safe Routes to School principles.

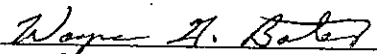
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Charter Township of Genesee supports the adoption of complete streets policies and practices to create a transportation network in the Township of Genesee that considers multi-modal transportation.

	Aye:	Nay:
Steven Fuhr, Supervisor	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
Thomas W. Mannor, Treasurer	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
Wayne G. Bates, Clerk	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
Patricia Witte, Trustee	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
Kathy A. Sutton	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
David Stephens, Trustee	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>
Richard Burrus, Trustee	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>

Ayes:   7  

Nay:   0  

I, Wayne G Bates, Genesee Township Clerk, certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Genesee Township Board of Trustees of Genesee Township, County of Genesee in the State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

  
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 Wayne G Bates, Clerk  
 Charter Township of Genesee

Dated: June 15, 2011