

CITY OF FRANKFORT
Benzie County, Michigan

Complete Streets and Safe Routes to Schools Resolution

Whereas, “Complete Streets” are defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities that is supported by Michigan Public Act 51 and Act 33 in 2010; and

Whereas, “Safe Routes to Schools” was created by Section 1404 of the Federal *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act* (Public Law 109-59) in 2005, with the purpose of enabling and encouraging children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school when distances are reasonable, to make bicycling and walking to school safer and more appealing, to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age, and to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution within the area surrounding K-12 schools; and

Whereas, The Master Plan of the City of Frankfort, adopted on May 11, 2010, provided for Complete Streets and designated in Chapter 4 The Built Environment: Streets and Transportation Network (page 39ff) the goal and standards of “Complete Streets” for the City; and

Whereas, The City of Frankfort “City” and the Frankfort Elberta Area Schools “Schools” wish to establish the policy of “Complete Streets” and “Safe Routes to Schools Program” as a mutual objective of both public entities for the complementary purposes of ensuring the beneficial uses of city streets, sidewalks, pathways, trails, open and safe access to public facilities and institutions in all weather conditions and seasons, including snow and ice removal requirements for all sidewalks under city jurisdiction; and

Whereas, the health, welfare and safety of all residents, visitors and users of streets, sidewalks, pathways, and trails is in the mutual interest of both the City and the Schools, along with the efficient movement of people through increased walking and bicycling while offering the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, and a more livable community; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Frankfort City Council and the School Board of the Frankfort Elberta Area School District hereby declares its support for “Complete Streets” and “Safe Routes to Schools Programs” policies, and

further directs current, and future, City management to include in future transportation maintenance, reconstruction and construction plans for the City to accommodate and implement the principles of both programs to the greatest extent feasible. Furthermore, that where reasonable, City resources and personnel will work in conjunction with the Schools, outside contractors and vendors to seek grants, economic development funds and meet funding guidelines for State of Michigan and Federal SRTS Programs.

Approved and adopted by the Frankfort City Council this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Robert Johnson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kimberly Kidder, City Clerk

Approved and adopted by the Frankfort Elberta Area Schools Board of Education this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Richard Schmitt, President

Attest: _____
Thomas Stobie, Superintendent