

Town of Montezuma Resolution Complete Streets Policy

DEFINITIONS:

- "Complete Streets" is defined as streets that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, foot, bicycle, etc.).
- "Complete Streets Program" is a system of implementing Complete Streets.
- "Multi-modal transportation" refers to various modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, automobile, public transit, etc.).

WHEREAS, the Town of Montezuma recognizes that the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities should be considered in the planning and design of all new street construction and street reconstruction undertaken in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets concepts, design-features and practices include, but are not limited to sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share-the-road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands, and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as law in New York State; and over 300 Complete Streets policies and laws have been adopted at the state, county, town, village and city levels across the country for the purpose of improving multi-modal transportation options, safety, and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Montezuma recognizes that Complete Streets will increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation, increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, incorporate traffic calming actions, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve social interactions, create a stronger sense of community, strengthen the local economy, and improve the quality-of-life for people in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Montezuma and its Highway Department has the ability to work with the Montezuma Town Planning Board, Cayuga County Creating Healthy Places, Montezuma Heritage Park Design Committee and others to explore the development, maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within neighborhoods, the hamlet center and rural areas of Montezuma, and put into practice a Complete Streets Program to address issues of these amenities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Montezuma hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets through the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of local highway, street, and sidewalk projects undertaken by and in the Town that enable safe multi-modal transportation for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town encourages the NYSDOT and Cayuga County to consider incorporating Complete Streets concepts, design-features, and practices in the planning design and construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of their respective roadways in the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby resolves to establish a Complete Streets Policy as follows:

1. The Town Highway Department shall consider Incorporating Complete Streets concepts, design features and practices in the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of local highway, street and sidewalk improvement projects undertaken by the Town of Montezuma.
2. The addition of Complete Streets facilities shall be consistent with the scope of the construction or improvement project, sensitive to the surrounding environment, and shall not be disproportionate with the cost of the larger project.
3. Complete Streets facilities may be planned, designed, developed, and maintained in accordance with bicycle and pedestrian facility guidelines adopted by the United States Department of Transportation, New York State Department of Transportation, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and other guidelines approved by the Town of Montezuma.
4. If the Town Highway Department determines that the inclusion of bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities are unable to be accommodated on a roadway or within the Town right-of-way proposed for construction or improvement, the Highway Superintendent shall provide said determination in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Town Board for their information.
5. The Town Board shall create, and solicit citizen participation through an "advisory board" or subcommittee of the Planning Board to make recommendations to the Town and the Highway Department on the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of Complete Street improvements in accordance with this policy.
6. Revisions to Plans and Policies: The Town will incorporate Complete Street principles into its Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and other plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs.
7. Funding: The Town will actively seek sources of appropriate funding to implement Complete Streets; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Montezuma Board adopts the Complete Street Policies listed above as an official policy of the Town and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On a motion by Lee Brew
Seconded by Joel Slomps
And by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 absent,

this RESOLUTION was adopted on August 19, 2014

Thomas Hitchcock Board Member

Thomas Fitzpatrick BOARD MEMBER

Joel Slomps BOARD MEMBER

Lee E Brew III, Board Member

John R. ... Supervisor