



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012-1

RESOLUTION establishing a Complete Streets Policy, Guiding Principles, Project Implementation Criteria and directing MPO staff to assist the jurisdictions with the development of Complete Streets Policy and Guidelines.

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks to make Hillsborough County, Plant City, Tampa and Temple Terrace more livable, healthy, and economically robust with transportation system wide choices for **all** users including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets program reduces congestion, increases capacity of the transportation network, supports economic growth, increases consumer choices, improves community health, enhances community aesthetics, improves air quality by providing safe choices for all users, and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated and constituted body responsible for the transportation planning and programming process for Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO desires to promote, maintain and enhance the livability of Hillsborough County, Plant City, Tampa and Temple Terrace; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay Region are the second most dangerous metropolitan areas in the United States for pedestrians and bicyclists according to the Transportation for America National Safety Report 2000-2011. In 2011 the MPO completed the Hillsborough Countywide Bicycle Safety Action Plan with a vision of having a zero-fatality transportation system that supports our sustainable, high quality, livable community; and

WHEREAS, complete streets incorporated in all new development offers the region a competitive economic advantage and creates economic growth; and

WHEREAS, safe, convenient and connected roadways that accommodate the mobility needs of all users and modes of transportation are critical to livability; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets principles encourage planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of transportation systems that promote safe and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities by a variety of transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, streets should be designed to complement and support the adjoining land uses and community character so the resulting street environment is attractive and of the appropriate scale; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets should be the default for all road construction and reconstruction and deviation from Complete Streets principles must be justified; and

WHEREAS, streets that integrate and provide multiple mobility choices contribute to the public life of a community, support healthy economic development, facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods, improve public health, advance environmental stewardship, reduce fuel consumption and maximize the use of roadway infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization that:

1. The Hillsborough County MPO adopts the Complete Streets Guiding Principles outlined on Attachment A as a means to facilitate the development of Complete Streets in Hillsborough County.
2. The Hillsborough County MPO encourages the local governments within Hillsborough County to adopt Complete Streets and institutionalize Complete Streets principles as part of their respective governmental procedures across all departments.
3. The Hillsborough County MPO encourages the Florida Department of Transportation to coordinate and cooperate with local governments implementing Complete Streets on the State Highway System.
4. In assisting local governments, the Hillsborough County MPO will set a higher priority for potential federal funding for projects meeting complete streets criteria.
5. Directs MPO staff to assist Hillsborough County, Plant City, Tampa and Temple Terrace with Complete Streets Policy and Guidelines.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF APRIL 2012.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION

MAYOR JOSEPH AFFRONTI, SR.,
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LINDA M. FERRARO
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ATTACHMENT A

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO COMPLETE STREETS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

VISION:

Every public right-of-way shall be planned, designed, constructed and maintained such that each resident of Hillsborough County will have transportation options to safely and conveniently travel to their destinations.

PRINCIPLES

1. Each phase in the life of a roadway, including planning, design, funding, construction, operation and maintenance of new and modified streets, will be an opportunity to improve the integration of all transportation modes into the roadway.
2. Sound engineering, planning and landscape architecture judgment will produce context sensitive designs that will account for unique circumstances of different users, streets, neighborhoods and activity centers.
3. The transportation network should be planned and built as a connected system that allows multiple options to destinations.
4. The aforementioned policies shall be employed in all transportation planning, design, review, operations, major maintenance projects (such as milling and overlay), and new construction and reconstruction projects.
5. Routine daily maintenance and operation activities (such as potholes and cracked ceilings) are specifically exempt from this Policy.
6. Not all roads are suitable for all complete streets components. In corridors whose primary purpose is inter- and intra-regional traffic, a limited range of modal choices may be appropriate. At a minimum, sidewalks and lighting shall be installed.

STRATEGIES

1. The MPO will provide technical support to local governments with development of a complete streets manual that is context sensitive to diverse communities and FDOT as necessary to assist in developing, implementing and funding complete streets policies, programs and projects.
2. The MPO will place a higher priority on candidate projects for federal funding if they meet complete streets criteria.
3. The MPO will form a Complete Streets Committee that will assist all transportation and other public space projects to accommodate and balance the choice, safety, and convenience of all users of the transportation system including pedestrians, users with disabilities, bicyclists,

transit users, motorized vehicles and freight carriers, and users with unique situations that limit their ability to use specific motorized or non-motorized modes to ensure that all users can travel safely, conveniently and efficiently within the right of way.

4. Every jurisdiction in Hillsborough County is encouraged to adopt a Complete Streets Policy appropriate for their community.
5. Complete Streets Elements should be considered when local governments develop, modify, or update local comprehensive plans, manuals, rules and regulations.
6. Local governments and FDOT are encouraged to apply context sensitive solutions to solve transportation problems in a manner consistent with community characteristics.
7. Context sensitive streetscape plans that incorporate Florida plants and landscape materials should be developed whenever a street is newly constructed or reconstructed.
8. Design standards should incorporate performance measures which address the Complete Streets Guiding Principles.
9. The FDOT, local jurisdictions and the MPO are encouraged to cooperatively implement complete streets concepts on appropriate state roads.

COMPLETE STREETS COMPONENTS

1. Sidewalks
2. Lighting
3. Bike lanes/bike routes
4. Transit shelter/stops
5. Florida friendly landscaping
6. Use of raised medians for traffic safety, traffic flow and pedestrian refuge
7. Adequate buffer areas for pedestrian safety, utility placement, drainage and landscaping
8. Appropriately sized lanes for cars, trucks and emergency vehicles
9. On-street parking where applicable
10. Signage