

2022 RESOLUTION NO. 21--2022 – Approving a Complete Streets Policy. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 21-2022**

Whereas the Town of Geneva is a Climate Smart community with a Climate Smart coordinator, and has been taking actions over the past several years that have earned the town points toward being officially certified by the New York State as a Climate Smart community, and during this time has been awarded state grants for its achievements; and

Whereas the town's Comprehensive Plan endorses the concept known as "complete streets," which are streets that provide a safe and attractive environment for all ages and abilities and for all forms of transportation, including auto, public transit, pedestrian and bicycle; and

Whereas the town's Sustainability Committee supports adoption of a Complete Streets policy; and

Whereas Complete Streets features vary according to the area and may not be appropriate or feasible for all streets and roads, but can include sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, lane striping, bike lanes, share-the-road signage, crosswalks, pedestrian control signals, more vegetation to provide shade and a buffer from traffic, and green infrastructure to better manage stormwater; and

Whereas as stated in the New York State Complete Streets Act of 2011, "Complete Streets will contribute to a cleaner, greener transportation system" and "more citizens will achieve the health benefits associated with active forms of transportation while traffic congestion and auto related air pollution will be reduced;" and

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Whereas many studies show when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking and transit use, more people do so and reap the benefits; and

Whereas Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association, the State of New York and many other transportation, planning and public health officials; and

Whereas by adopting a Complete Streets policy the town will continue to move toward being certified a Climate Smart community and will qualify for additional state grants that can be used toward Complete Streets projects and other initiatives that foster sustainable living in the town; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Town of Geneva adopts a Complete Streets policy to be implemented on existing town streets and roads and new developments where feasible and warranted; and it is further

RESOLVED, consistent with this policy, the design and construction of new and existing roads in the Town of Geneva should anticipate demand for biking, walking and other alternative modes of transportation; and it is further

RESOLVED the Town of Geneva will explore the creation, and maintenance and enhancement of existing, pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections in the town; and it is further

RESOLVED the Town of Geneva will, to the extent reasonable and affordable, view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in the Town of Geneva and recognize bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes as integral elements of its transportation system; and it is further

RESOLVED the Town Board urges and expects the Town Planning Board to incorporate this Complete Streets policy into its work to the extent feasible and appropriate; and it is further

RESOLVED the Town of Geneva will measure the success of this Complete Streets policy every November at the conclusion of the road construction season, working with the Town Highway Superintendent, to review the progress of implementing Complete Streets amenities, including, but not limited to, the addition of bicycle lanes, shoulder improvements, sidewalks and intersection improvements, and plans for future such improvements.

I, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Geneva on January 11, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Date: January 11, 2022

Lorrie S. Naegele
Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk