

ORDINANCE NO. 6616

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, CREATING A
NEW CHAPTER 12.06 OF THE AUBURN CITY
CODE ENACTING A COMPLETE STREETS
POLICY**

WHEREAS, the goal of the Transportation element of the Auburn Comprehensive Plan is to plan, expand, and improve the transportation system in cooperation and coordination with adjacent and regional jurisdictions to ensure concurrency compliance with the growth management act, and to provide a safe and efficient multimodal system that meets the community needs and facilitates the land use plan; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Comprehensive Transportation Plan's Complete Streets Objective states that Auburn ensures the transportation system is designed to enable comprehensive, integrated, and safe access for users of all ages and abilities including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit riders and operators, and truck operators; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle, and transit travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the development of Complete Streets can improve pedestrian and cyclists safety, increase capacity of the transportation network, and promote improvements in public health; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted a Complete Streets Grant Program in 2011, codified in Section 47 04.320 of the Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Washington State Legislature's Complete Street Grant Program will only be available to jurisdictions that have adopted a Complete Streets Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to adopt a Complete Streets Ordinance to obtain grant funding for the improvement of Auburn streets.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Creating New Chapter to City Code. That a new chapter 12.06 of the Auburn City Code is hereby created to read as follows:

**Chapter 12.06
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Sections:

- 12.06.010 Purpose.
- 12.06.020 Exceptions.
- 12.06.030 Complete streets infrastructure.
- 12.06.040 Goals to foster partnerships.
- 12.06.050 Best practice criteria.

12.06.010 Purpose.

The city of Auburn shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction, retrofit or reconstruction projects. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the city of Auburn shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include complete streets practices.

12.06.020 Exceptions.

Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided when:

- A. A documented absence of current or future need exists;
- B. Non-motorized uses are prohibited by law;
- C. Routine maintenance of the transportation network is performed that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping and spot repair;
- D. The cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses; or
- E. In instances where a documented exception is granted by the City Engineer

12.06.030 Complete streets infrastructure.

A. "Complete streets infrastructure" means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users at appropriate locations, including but not limited to features such as: sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; street trees and landscaping; planting strips; curbs; accessible curb ramps; bulb outs;

controlled crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; public transit stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; traffic calming devices such as rotary circles, traffic cushions, and surface treatments such as textured asphalt, and concrete; narrow vehicle lanes; raised medians; and dedicated transit lanes.

B. As feasible, Auburn shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Auburn that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities, ensuring a fully connected, integrated network that provides transportation options.

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12.06.040 Goals to foster partnerships.

It is a goal of the city of Auburn to foster partnerships with all Washington State transportation funding agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Transportation Improvement Board, the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Federal Highway Administration, King County, Pierce County, neighboring local agencies, Auburn School District, citizens, businesses, interest groups, neighborhoods, and any other funding agency to implement the complete streets policy

12.06.050 Best practice criteria.

The City Engineer shall modify, develop and adopt policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), and Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) while reflecting the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments and enhance the appearance of such.

Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law

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PASSED: SEP - 6 2016
APPROVED: SEP - 6 2016

Nancy Backus
NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST

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