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ORDINANCE NO. 717

AN ORDIANCE OF THE TOWN OF DARRINGTON, WASHINGTON ADDING SECTION 12.01 TO THE TOWN OF DARRINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING THE "COMPLETE STREET POLICY"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DARRINGTON, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

12.01.010 COMPLETE STREET POLICY

Vision and Policy:

The integration of land use and transportation is critical to the livability of a community and region. The Town of Darrington's Complete Streets Policy will encourage the development of a complete streets network throughout the community and will help to create a more balanced transportation system. Complete Streets are designed and maintained to provide safety and accessibility for all the users of our roadways, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial vehicles, school district bus system and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and of all abilities. This results in a more rounded transportation system providing choices of where people can go and how they can get there. Furthermore, Complete Streets principles contribute towards the safety, health, economic viability, and quality of life in our community by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian mobility and vehicular environments throughout. The purpose of Darrington's Complete Streets policy therefore, is to accommodate all road users by creating a road network that meets the needs of individuals utilizing a variety of transportation modes. The Complete Streets Policy shall be consistent with, and assist in achieving the goals and recommendations set forth in the Darrington Comprehensive Plan and other policy documents.

Core Commitment:

The Town of Darrington recognizes that users of various modes of transportation, including, but not limited to, pedestrians, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, motorists, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders, are legitimate users of transportation infrastructure and deserve safe facilities. The Policy shall ensure that new and updated public and private projects are

planned, designed, maintained and operated to enable safe, comfortable and convenient travel to the greatest extent possible for users of all ages and abilities.

Complete Streets are not about building sidewalks and bicycle lanes on every street. They are not about massive takings of rights of way. They are about site-specific planning decisions that help to reconfigure existing road space in a manner that better accommodates the needs of users. The Town of Darrington recognizes that all projects, new, maintenance, or reconstruction, are potential opportunities to apply Complete Streets design principles. The Town will, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities as a matter of routine. This policy directs decision-makers to consistently plan, design, and construct streets to accommodate all anticipated users and shall be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects, as appropriate. Where the Town of Darrington, decides that accommodating all users is impractical or burdensome, where cost, impacts or documentation and data indicate that the accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use or probable future use, upon approval of the Town Council may be exempt from the policy's requirements.

Best Practices:

Complete Streets principles include the development and implementation of projects in a context sensitive manner in which project implementation is sensitive to the community's physical, economic, and social setting. The context-sensitive approach to process and design includes a range of goals by considering stakeholder and community values on a level plane with the project need. It includes goals related to livability with greater participation of those affected in order to gain project consensus. The overall goal of this approach is to preserve and enhance scenic, aesthetic, historical, and environmental resources while improving or maintaining safety, mobility and infrastructure conditions.

The Town of Darrington Complete Streets policy will focus on developing a connected, integrated network that serves all users. Complete Streets will be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.

Implementation of the Town of Darrington Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively within all departments in the Town of Darrington with multi-jurisdictional cooperation, to the greatest extent possible, among private developers, local school district, regional, tribal, state, and federal agencies.

The Town of Darrington recognizes that "Complete Streets" may be achieved through single elements incorporated into a particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

12.01.020 Implementation:

A. The Town shall make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, shall approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and shall work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

B. The Town shall reinforce collaboration with partners at the Darrington school district, Tribes, Snohomish County, Washington State and federal levels to ensure appropriate connectivity for all travel modes.

C. The Town shall review and either revise or develop proposed revisions to all appropriate planning documents, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, and templates to integrate Complete Streets principles in all street projects.

D. The Town shall maintain a comprehensive inventory of pedestrian and bicycle facility infrastructure that will prioritize projects to eliminate gaps in the sidewalk and bikeway network.

E. The Town will reevaluate Capital Improvement Projects prioritization to encourage implementation of Complete Streets implementation.

F. The Town will train pertinent town staff and decision-makers on the content of Complete Streets principles and best practices for implementing policy.

G. The Town shall promote the safe use of a multi-modal transportation system by increasing the awareness of all users through an appropriate public access program.

H. The Town will utilize inter-department coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of resources for activities within the public way.

I. The Town will seek out appropriate sources of funding and grants for implementation of Complete Streets policies.

Passed and approved by the Town Council at a regular meeting this 10th day of August, 2016.

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Dianne Allen, Town Clerk / Treasurer