

ORDINANCE 514

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALDEN, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PUBLIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, Town of Malden's Complete Street guiding principle is to design, operate, and maintain streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users and;

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted Complete Streets legislation including the U.S. Department of Transportation and numerous state transportation agencies and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Malden will implement this Complete Street Policy by designing, operating and maintaining the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community and;

WHEREAS, transportation improvements will include an array of facilities and amenities that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, including; streets to support the creation of Complete Street including capital improvements, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; public transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities and;

WHEREAS, Town of Malden will implement policies and procedures with the construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities on arterial streets to support the creation of Complete Street including capital improvements, re-channelization projects and major maintenance, recognizing that all streets are different and in each case user need must be balanced; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set standards, and bring awareness to the greatest extent possible, the Town's desire to encourage and bring awareness to increase activity within the Town by including planning for practical design, construction, and operation and maintenance procedures of infrastructure improvements that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorist, emergency responders, freight, underground water/sewer/storm water infrastructure in all new retrofit, or reconstruction projects.

Section 2. Definition

A "Complete Street" is a network of approach designed to be safe for drivers, bicyclists, transit vehicles and users; and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. The complete street concept focuses on changing the decision-making process so that all users are routinely considered during the planning, designing, building and operating of all roadways.

Section 3. Implementation

The Town of Malden Town Council will be the governing body to inform and prioritize projects that will help implement complete streets. The Town of Malden will incorporate complete street principles, which will result in the evaluation/consideration for the connectivity, usage potential, deficiencies, aesthetics and quality of complete streets network options for all modes of transportation. The Town of Malden will incorporate complete street principles into the Town's Street Design Standards and updates to the Town's public work standards, parks and recreation master plan, and other plans, regulations and programs as appropriate.

Section 4. Exception

The Complete Street Policy may not be required to be provided when:

- A. The Complete Street Policy contradicts the Town's existing Street Design Standards.
- B. A documented absence of current or future needs exists.
- C. Non-motorized uses are prohibited by law.
- D. The cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses.
- E. The construction is not practically feasible or cost-effective due to significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 5. Extraordinary Circumstances

The Complete Street Policy may not apply to the following:

- A. Repairs made to pavement opening and restoration allowed by approval of the public works staff.
- B. Ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable conditions (i.e. moving, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair, surface treatments such as chip seal, or interim measures on detour or haul routes).
- C. The Complete Street principles would be contrary to public safety.

Section 6. Goals

It is a goal of the Town of Malden to not only outreach and engage the entire community but foster partnerships with all State of Washington transportation funding agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Federal Highway

Administration, Whitman County, Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and any funding agency to implement the Complete Street Ordinance.

Section 7. Best Practices

The Mayor or designee shall modify, develop and adopt policies, design criteria, and standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Section 8. Performance Measurers

The Town of Malden shall put into place performance standards that are measurable to continuously evaluate the Complete Streets Policy for success and opportunities for improvement. Performance standards may include miles of bicycle facilities or sidewalks, public participation, number of ADA accommodations built, and number of exemptions from this Policy approved.

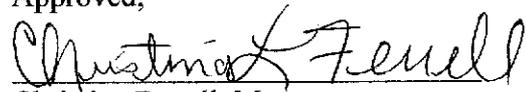
Section 9. Funding

Complete streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of small improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the Town of Malden's intent that all sources of transportation funding be drawn upon to implement complete streets. The Town believes that maximum financial flexibility is important to implement complete street principles.

This Ordinance shall be become effective five (5) days after the passage and publication.

Passed by the Town Council of the Town of Malden on this 17 day of July, 2018.

Approved;


Christine Ferrell, Mayor

Attest:


Jenna McDonald Clerk/Treasurer