

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2018

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM;
AMENDING SAN JUAN COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 12.03**

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, San Juan County desires to build and maintain public transportation routes that are designed to provide safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists and public transportation users;

WHEREAS, the San Juan County Council desires to adopt a jurisdiction-wide complete streets ordinance that plans for the needs of all users and is consistent with sound engineering principles as required to be awarded grant funds under RCW 47.04.320;

WHEREAS, San Juan County desires to take the steps necessary to qualify for funding awarded pursuant to RCW 47.04.320;

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to rename Chapter 12.03 to provide a more general description to cover the contents of the Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the County Council conducted a duly advertised public hearing and has considered all public testimony;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, State of Washington, as follows:

Section 1. A new section is added to Chapter 12.03 with the heading "Complete Streets Program" to read as follows:

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish a Complete Streets Program consistent with RCW 47.04.320 by providing safe access to all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users.

B. Definitions.

"Complete Street" means a public transportation route designed to allow bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and abilities to move around the community safely.

"TIP" means the six-year comprehensive transportation program described by RCW 36.81.121.

C. Principles. The Complete Streets Program for San Juan County consists of the following Complete Streets principles that guide the planning, design, and construction of Complete Streets:

1. To promote healthy communities by designing walking villages and encouraging walking, bicycling, and use of public transportation; and
2. To improve safety by designing roads to accommodate all users; and
3. To reduce congestion by providing safe alternatives to single-occupancy driving; and
4. To preserve the rural character of the community by involving local citizens and stakeholders to participate in the planning and design of Complete Streets.

D. Implementation.

1. **Planning.** The County Engineer shall incorporate Complete Streets principles into the preparation of the TIP, as provided by RCW 36.81 and RCW 47.30, by recommending Complete Streets projects, as appropriate.

2. **Application.** For each project considered for inclusion on the TIP, the County Engineer shall evaluate the application of Complete Streets principles into the planned design of the project. This evaluation shall be based on sound engineering principles as defined by RCW 47.04.320(2)(c). The County Engineer may determine that Complete Streets principles should not be applied to a specific project if the project meets at least one of the following exceptions:

- a. An absence of need exists as identified in a currently adopted County plan; or
- b. The cost would be substantially disproportionate to the need or probable use; or
- c. The project would adversely impact critical areas and cannot be reasonably mitigated.

3. **Annual Report.** The County Engineer shall prepare an annual report on the recommended application of Complete Streets principles. When Complete Streets principles are incorporated in the design of a project, the report shall describe any anticipated costs to the project for their provision. When Complete Streets principles are not incorporated in the design of a project, the report shall describe how an exemption was determined to be appropriate. The final report shall be available to and considered by the County Council during adoption of the TIP.

E. Construction and Funding. Construction of Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller projects over time. All sources of funding may be drawn upon to implement complete streets.

Section 2. **Severability.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

Section 4. Section 1 of this ordinance shall be codified.

Section 5. San Juan County Code Chapter 12.03 shall be renamed "County Roads"

ADOPTED this 27TH day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

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