ORDINANCE NO. 716

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIETON, WASHINGTON, ADDING CHAPTER 12.28, COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, TO TIETON MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 12, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, CREATING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Tieton, as adopted in 2008, seeks to develop, maintain, and operate a balanced, safe, and efficient multimodal transportation system to serve all persons, special needs populations and activities in the community (Goal 2); and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, transit users, emergency service providers and freight, and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Tieton's Complete Streets guiding principle is to implement the City's policy through the design, operation and maintenance of Tieton's right-of-way to enable safe and convenient access and travel for all users including increased connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Tieton City Council intends to improve the safety of city streets, enhance the quality of life of residents, encourage active living, and reduce traffic congestion by providing safe, convenient, and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

WHERAS, Tieton will implement the Complete Streets policy during the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, or other changes in transportation facilities as identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and Transportation Improvement Plan;

NOW THERE, the City Council of the City of Tieton, Washington do ordain as follows:

Section 1. TMC 12.28 (Complete Streets Policy), Established. The Tieton Municipal Code is hereby amended to include a new section 12.28 in Chapter 12, Complete Streets Policy, which reads as follows:

Chapter 12.28

Complete Streets Policy

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12.28.010 Purpose.

The City of Tieton shall, to the maximum extent practicable, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain transportation facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, motorists, emergency responders, freight, future transit users, and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction or reconstruction projects of public streets. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the City shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include complete street practices.

By promoting non-motorized travel, our community reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and meets the needs of the diverse populations that compromise our City.

The vision of the City of Tieton is of a community in which all residents and visitors, regardless of their age, ability, financial resources, or preferred mode of travel, can ssafely and efficiently use the public right-of-way to meet their transportation needs.

12.28.020 Definitions.

"Complete Streets" are streets that are designed, built and operated to enable safe access for all users, in that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across the street right-of-way.

"Complete streets infrastructure" means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users, 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; crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; traffic calming devices; surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete; narrow vehicle lanes; and raised medians.

"Street" means any public right-of-way, including arterials, connectors, alleys, ways, lanes, and roadways by any other designation, and any other portions of the transportation network, that is open for use by the general traveling public.

"Users" means individuals that use streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, and public transportation riders and drivers.

12.28.030 Projects.

Transportation facilities that support the concept of complete streets include, but are not limited to sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements; Americans with Disabilities Act; pavement markings and signs; street and sidewalk lighting; Title VI compliance; bicycle accommodations; and street theme designs that appeal to and promote pedestrian use. The system's design will be consistent with and supportive of local neighborhoods, recognizing that transportation needs vary and must be balanced in a flexible, safe, and cost effective manner.

Those involved in planning and design of projects within the public right-of-way will give consideration to all users and modes of travel from the start of planning and design work. Transportation improvements shall be viewed as opportunities to create safer, more accesible streets for all users. This shall apply to new construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation. Community engagement will be encouraged during project and development.

12.28.040 Transportation Network.

Projects should enhance the overall transportation system and its connectivity for access to public places, parks or recreation areas, schools, downtown, existing pedestrian or bicycle networks, or regional bicycle pedestrian plans prepared by other associated groups such as Yakima County.

12.28.050 Intergovernmental Partnerships.

It is a goal of the City of Tieton to establish partnerships with all Washington State transportation agencies and organizations including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Yakima County Development Association, citizens, businesses, interest groups, neighborhoods, and any funding agency to implement the Complete Streets ordinance.

12.28.060 Exceptions.

Exceptions to this policy may be determined by the Mayor and the City Council under the circumstances listed below:

A. Uses are prohibited by law; or
B. A documented absence of current or future need exists; or
C. The Public Works Director concludes that application of complete streets principles is unnecessary or inappropriate because it would be contrary to public safety; or
D. Where there are significant adverse environmental impacts to streams, wetlands, steep slopes, or other critical areas; or
E. Where the establishment would be contrary to the transportation element of the comprehensive plan.

12.28.070 Performance Measures.

The Public Works Director shall report annually to the City Council on transportation projects undertaken within the prior year and planned within the coming six-year period, and the extent to which each of these projects has met the objectives of this policy.

12.28.080 Implementation.

Tieton will incorporate complete streets principles into the City's GMA comprehensive plan, public works construction standards, capital facilities plan, ADA transition plan, transportation improvement plan, and other plans, manuals, rules, regulations, and programs as feasible and appropriate, and in accordance with American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines and standards.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF TIETON, WASHINGTON, this 12th day of September, 2016.

Dewane Ashbrooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Munoz, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mike Shinn, City Attorney