



## ORDINANCE 573

AN ORDINANCE relating to Town of Wilbur's Complete Streets policy, stating guiding principles and practices so the transportation improvements are planned, designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users.

WHEREAS, Town policy as stated in the Six Year Street Plan and the Comprehensive Plan is to encourage walking, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all abilities, as well as freight and motor vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, Town of Wilbur's Complete Street guiding principle is to design, operate and maintain Wilbur streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users --- pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all abilities, as well as freight and motor vehicle drivers; 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, Town of Wilbur will implement Complete Streets 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: street and sidewalk access 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 Wilbur 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 WILBUR AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Town of Wilbur will plan for, design and construct all new Town transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, as provided for below.

Section 2. Town of Wilbur will incorporate Complete Streets principles into: the Six Year Street Plan; and other Town of Wilbur plans, manuals, rules, regulation and programs as appropriate.

Section 3. Because freight is important to the basic economy of the Town and has unique right-of-way needs to support that role, freight will be the major priority on streets classified as Major Truck Streets.

Complete Street improvements that are consistent with freight mobility but also support other modes may be considered on these streets.

Section 4. Except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, Complete Streets principles will not apply:

- To ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as chip sea, or interim measures on detour or haul routes);
- Where the Mayor issues a documented exception concluding that application of Complete Street principles is unnecessary or inappropriate because it would be contrary to public safety; or
- Where other available means or factors indicate an absence of need, including future need.

Section 5. Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the Mayor's and Council'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 Streets principles.

Passed by the Town Council the 3rd day of August, 2016.

Yea 5  
Nay 0

  
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