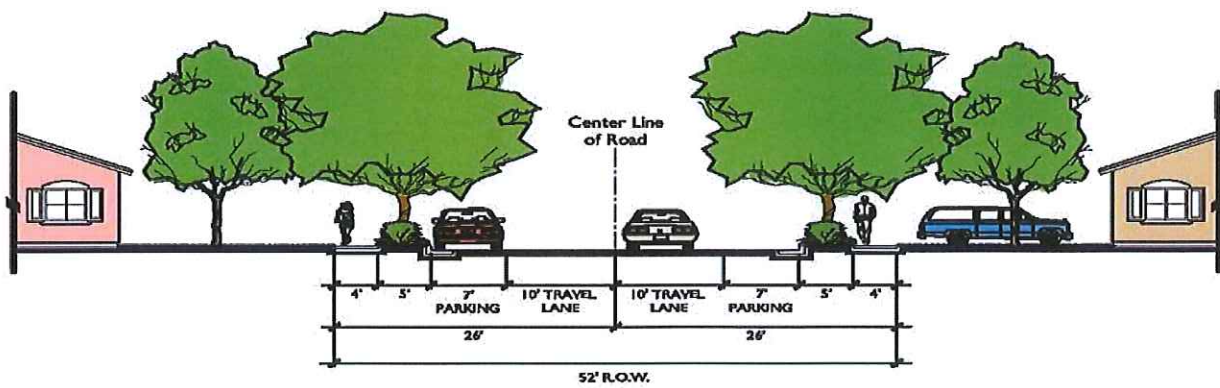
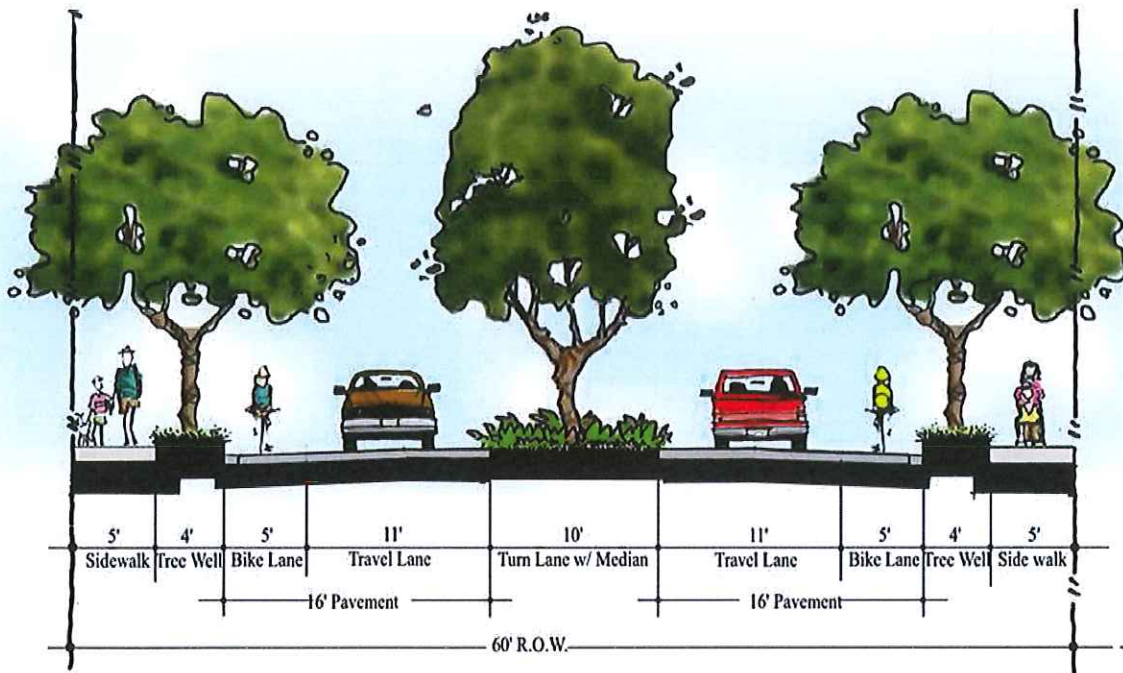


“COMPLETE STREETS POLICY”

CITY OF BONNER SPRINGS, KANSAS

RESOLUTION No. 2017-03



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Resolution adopting a "Complete Streets" philosophy as the guiding policy of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas. Complete Streets is a comprehensive and integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for motorists, as well as pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit riders and motorists; and people of all ages and abilities, including children, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bonner Springs (hereafter "the City") wishes to encourage walking, bicycling, and public transportation use as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation which promote health and independence for all people; and,

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of increased walking and bicycling in order to address a wide variety of issues, such as traffic congestion, pollution, climate change, social isolation, obesity, physical inactivity, and access to recreational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the careful planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure offers long-term cost savings for local and state government, benefits public health, and provides financial benefits to property owners, businesses, and investors, while yielding a safe, convenient, and integrated transportation network for all users; and,

WHEREAS, the City has direct authority over the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the transportation infrastructure within the limits of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City streets, sidewalks and bicycle paths are a key public space, shape the experience of residents of and visitors to the City, directly affect public health and welfare, and provide the framework for current and future development; and,

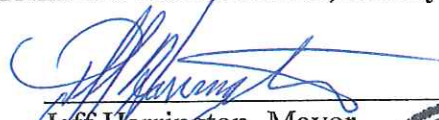
WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage public participation in community decisions concerning streets and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bonner Springs, Kansas, as follows:

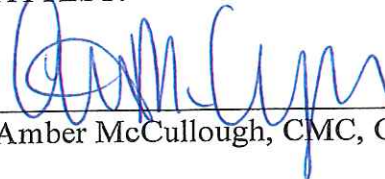
1. The City hereby declares its intent to enhance the safety and accessibility of its streets for all users by adopting a Complete Streets policy to guide new construction, reconstruction, and ongoing operations of the public streets within the City.
2. A Complete Streets policy will be interpreted to include any one or more of the following elements: sidewalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, street trees and landscaping, planting strips, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks, refuge islands, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, bicycle parking facilities, public transportation stops and facilities, transit priority signalization, traffic calming circles and devices, vehicle lane widths, raised medians, dedicated transit lanes, transit bulb outs, and other elements.
3. The Department of Community & Economic Development and the Department of Public Works shall be designated as the leads in implementing the Complete Streets Policy (hereinafter "the Lead Departments").

4. The Lead Departments are directed to actively solicit and incorporate the guidance of the community and community partners in preparing the evaluation and recommendations.
5. A "Walkability Plan" (the "Plan") should be prepared and adopted for the City, which would include a detailed plan for trails and sidewalks that encompasses the entire jurisdiction and connects neighborhoods, schools, parks and other key facilities, and includes design criteria and standards to govern the provision of such features. This plan should be integrated into the City's Transportation Plan within the Comprehensive Plan – Vision 2025. In preparing this plan, due consideration should be given to situations where cost or other constraints may preclude adoption of all the ideal elements.
6. The Plan should emphasize a Safe Routes to School Program – to include quality sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and safe waiting areas for school buses. The Department of Public Works should recommend an initial plan for Safe Routes construction at select high-need schools for early construction.
7. Training on how to best integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users should be provided for planners, engineers, project managers, plan reviewers, inspectors, and other personnel responsible for the design and construction of streets, bridges, and other portions of the transportation network.
8. The City recognizes that Complete Street elements may be incorporated into a single project or incrementally through a series of improvements over time. The City will consider various funding sources to plan and implement this policy, including grants which may be available.
9. It is a goal of the City to foster partnerships with the State of Kansas, the Federal Highway Administration, the Mid-America Regional Council, citizens, businesses, interest groups and neighborhoods to implement the Complete Streets policy.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, on May 8, 2017.


Jeff Harrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amber McCullough, CMC, City Clerk

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