

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 363 - 2022

ADOPTING a Complete Streets policy for the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadways within the City as an official policy of the City Council.

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are those roadways that, through their design and operation, accommodate the safe, comfortable, and accessible movement of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency vehicles, freight and commercial vehicles, and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets approach reimagines sidewalks and roadways as vibrant public spaces—a “third place”—where participating in public life becomes irresistible and inevitable; and

WHEREAS, applying Complete Streets principles to the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadways can enhance multimodal access for users of various forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, enhancing multimodal transportation access is essential to connecting Cincinnati’s neighborhoods on an equitable basis by ensuring those neighborhoods with the greatest need for alternative forms of transportation are served; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets provide myriad public benefits beyond improved transportation options including, but not limited to, supporting a happier and healthier population by encouraging physical activity; reducing the City’s carbon footprint and increasing air quality; mitigating stormwater runoff and sewer overflows; connecting neighborhoods; fostering economic activity and job growth; and improving the financial condition of the City by reducing the cost of constructing and maintaining transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Complete Streets policy complements the City’s “Vision Zero” program, which aims to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries, and is in furtherance of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018), whose goals call for incorporating Complete Streets principles in all new roadway and rehabilitation projects and increasing the percentage of city streets that conform to Complete Streets principles; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the application of a Complete Streets policy to the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadway systems must account for a number of factors, including surrounding land-use patterns, community context, and available resources, and further requires technical expertise and the exercise of discretion and professional judgment by the City Administration and particularly the Department of Transportation and Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the adoption of a Complete Streets policy to be in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts a Complete Streets policy for the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadways within the City as an official policy of the Council.

Section 2. That the Council's goals in adopting this policy include:

- a. Providing multimodal accommodations that increase connectivity for street users of all ages and abilities;
- b. Improving safety for all street and roadway users, particularly those groups that face comparatively greater safety risks, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities; and
- c. Increasing the comfort of street and roadway users, contributing to a sense of place, and creating a more pleasant experience for the street user.

Section 3. That the City Council authorizes the City Manager and the proper City officials to establish formal guidance for incorporating Complete Streets principles into the design, construction, operation, repair, and replacement of new and existing roadways, and to establish and revise related rules, regulations, policies, manuals, and procedures in order to incorporate Complete Streets principles, which guidance and revisions should make provision for appropriate levels of community engagement.

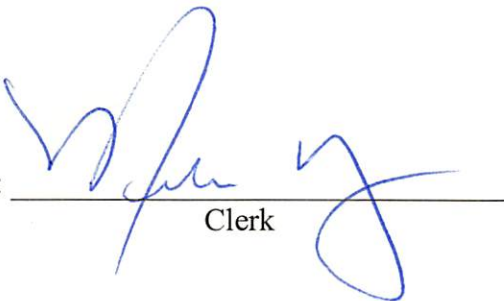
Section 4. That the City Council further authorizes the City Manager and the proper City officials to establish a formal reporting protocol for measuring the City's progress in implementing the Complete Streets policy, which reporting may include metrics such as (i) total miles of new bike facilities; (ii) linear feet of new pedestrian accommodation; (iii) number of curb-ramp installations along city streets; (iv) number of traffic-calming improvements; (v) number of safety

improvements; (vi) number of comfort enhancements; (vii) number of projects in each neighborhood; and (viii) number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities by mode of transportation.

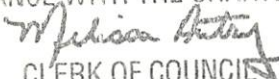
Section 5. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the terms of this ordinance.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: November 30, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk


VICE Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 3103-2022
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 12/3/2022

CLERK OF COUNCIL