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## **TOWN OF MOIRA COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

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### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Complete Streets" is defined as streets and sidewalks that are designed and constructed for everyone - pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers — and they take into account the transportation needs of everyone including children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

"Complete Streets Program" is a system of implementing Complete Streets.

"Multi-modal transportation" refers to various modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, automobile, public transit, etc.).

"Pedestrian" refers to a person on foot, in a wheelchair, on skates, or on a skateboard.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Moira Town Board is drafting a Complete Streets Plan in order to provide safe and accessible streets and sidewalks for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board proposes the creation of a comprehensive Physical Enhancement Plan that would include recommendations for such items as sidewalks and street crossings, benches and lighting, street trees and landscaping, which is consistent with a Complete Streets Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Moira recognizes that the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities should be considered in the planning and design of all new street constructions and street reconstruction undertaken in the town; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as law in New York State; and over 300 Complete Streets policies and laws have been adopted at the state, county, town, village and city levels across the country for the purpose of improving multi-modal transportation options, safety, and accessibility for all users; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Moira recognizes that Complete Streets will increase opportunities for multi-modal transportation, increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, incorporate traffic calming actions, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve rates of physical activity and related health outcomes, improve neighborhood vitality, increase social

interactions, create a stronger sense of community, strengthen the local economy, and improve the quality-of-life for people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Highway Department has the ability to work and explore the development maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle, and trail connections within neighborhoods, business districts, input into practice a Complete Streets Program to address issues with these amenities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Moira hereby recognizes the importance of creating complete streets through the planning, design, budgeting and implementation of local highway, street and sidewalk projects, undertaken by and in the town that enables safe multi-modal transportation for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the town board hereby resolves to establish a complete streets policy as follows:

Engineering: The town Highway Department will provide safe and sufficient accommodation of pedestrians and bicyclists by incorporating complete streets concepts, design features and practices in the planning, design budgeting, and implementation of streets and sidewalk improvement projects undertaken in the Town of Moira.

1. The inclusion of complete streets facilities shall be consistent with the scope of the construction or improvement project, sensitive to the surrounding environment and land uses, and shall not be disproportionate with the cost of the larger project.
2. Complete streets facilities, design features and practices include, but are not limited to: sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, bike paths, lane striping, share the road signage, cross walks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump outs, center islands, and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintained, and bicycle parking facilities.
3. Complete streets facilities may be planned, designed, developed, and maintained in accordance with bicycle and pedestrian facility guidelines adopted by the Unites States Department of Transportation, NYS DOT, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and other guidelines approved by the Town of Moira.
4. If the Town Highway Department determines that the inclusion of bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities are unable to be accommodated on a roadway or within the public right of way propose for construction or improvement, the Highway Superintendent shall provide said determination, to the town board.