

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-15

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE ARTICLE VII TO CHAPTER 94 OF THE SOUTH SIOUX CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, STATING GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES SO THAT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED, DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO ENCOURAGE WALKING, BICYCLING AND TRANSIT USE WHILE PROMOTING SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS FOR ALL USERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1: That new Sections 94-401 through 94-407 of new Article VIII of Chapter 94 are hereby created to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII COMPLETE STREETS

Sec. 94-401. Planning, Design and Construction.

The South Sioux City Planning and Public Works Department will plan for, design and construct all new City transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe and efficient operation for all users, as provided for hereafter. Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable a multimodal, context sensitive, framework of streets that provide safe, efficient access and use for all users.

Sec. 94-402. Incorporation by Planning and Public Works Departments.

The South Sioux City Planning and Public Works Department will develop, with citizen input, then incorporate Complete Streets principles into: South Sioux City Planning and Public Works plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs as appropriate.

Sec. 94-403. Freight.

Because freight is important to the basic economy of the City and has unique right-of-way needs to support that role, freight will be a priority on streets classified as Major Truck Routes. Complete Street improvements that are consistent with freight mobility but also support other modes may be considered on these streets.

Sec. 94-404. Exceptions.

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

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

Sec. 94-405. Achievement; Annual Progress Report.

Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. The City Administrator shall make an annual report to the City Council showing the progress made in implementing complete streets.

Sec. 94-406. Advisory Panel.

The Public Works Committee of the City Council shall serve as the Complete Streets Advisory Panel.

Sec. 94-407. Performance Measurement.

Performance measurement will be by, but not limited to, the miles of bicycle routes created; new linear feet of pedestrian accommodation; increase in use of public transportation, bicycling and walking; the miles of connection added between trails; the increased efficiency of traffic flow through the use of sophisticated traffic control devices, turn lanes, traffic circles, and the leveling or decrease of transportation-related accidents.

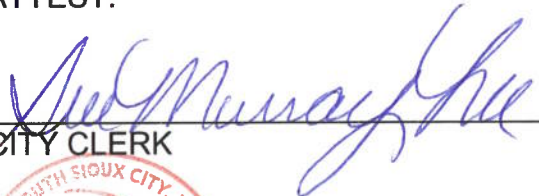
It is the South Sioux City Council's intent that all sources of transportation funding be drawn upon to implement Complete Streets. The City believes that maximum financial flexibility is important to implement Complete Streets principles.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January, 2012.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

