

**VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
12 S. CENTER STREET
BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS 60106**

Ordinance No. 9-2016

An Ordinance Adopting the Village of Bensenville Complete Streets Policy

**ADOPTED BY THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2016**

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I, Corey Williamsen, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Deputy Village Clerk of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, and as such officer, I am the keeper of the records and files of said Village; I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 9-2016 entitled an Ordinance Adopting the Village of Bensenville Complete Streets Policy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official hand and seal on this 23rd day of March, 2016.





Corey Williamsen
Deputy Village Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS the Village will create a complete streets policy as a way to advance the unified vision of its stakeholders and citizens to improve health, livability, and economic vitality.

WHEREAS Bensenville will capitalize on its location and amenities to create more transportation options for people of all ages and abilities to travel in and around Bensenville.

WHEREAS the Village's comprehensive plan was approved in January 2015 and the plan identifies a need for improved active transportation options.

WHEREAS the Village as part of its strategic plan identifies goals to create vibrant major corridors, enrichment of the lives of residents, and a safe and beautiful village.

WHEREAS a complete streets policy provides additional guidelines and consideration of standards for transportation improvements to calm traffic, improve access, increase safety and integration of health-conscious mobility for all residents.

WHEREAS the Village will plan for, design, fund, construct, operate, and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system for all users in all street and roadway projects, including new construction, retrofit, or reconstruction projects.

WHEREAS the adoption of such a policy will generate long-term cost savings in improved public health and environmental stewardship, which in turn will create a sense of community and foster positive growth throughout.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE (All users and modes)

The Village of Bensenville shall accommodate all users of the road, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, emergency responders, and drivers of automobiles and freight vehicles, regardless of their age or ability in all roadway projects.

SECTION TWO (All phases)

Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the Village of Bensenville shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include Complete Streets practice. Planning, design, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and maintenance shall be executed in a balanced,

transparent, responsible, and equitable manner. Complete Streets principles will be integral when developing, modifying, and updating Village of Bensenville plans, manuals, programs, rules, and zoning regulations.

Review for consistency with and the potential incorporation of elements to advance the Complete Streets goals shall be applied to all roadway improvement projects, including new construction, reconstruction, street surfacing, storm water, infrastructure, grading, and water and sewer projects and into all phases of roadway projects including scoping, programming, planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations.

SECTION THREE (Network and connectivity)

The Village of Bensenville seeks to create a comprehensive, integrated, and connected transportation network where every roadway user can travel safely and comfortably and where sustainable transportation options are available to everyone by planning, designing, operating, and maintaining a network of Complete Streets as recommended in the Bensenville Active Transportation Plan.

SECTION FOUR (Exceptions)

It is understood that there may be circumstances in which it may not be practical or feasible to apply the Policy. Such circumstances include the following:

- a) The scope of the relevant project is limited to maintenance activities intended to keep the roadway in serviceable condition, AND/OR
- b) There is sufficient documentation that there is no feasible way to accommodate improvements for the non-vehicular traffic with a project's scope, AND/OR
- c) There is no documented current or anticipated need for accommodations of non-motorized roadway user of the road is not a current or planned transit route, AND/OR
- d) The cost for a particular Complete Streets design recommendation would be excessively disproportionate to the need of that particular improvement, with due consideration given to future users, latent demand, and the social and economic value of providing a safer and more convenient transportation system for all users, AND/OR
- e) Documented environmental constraints or unsafe transportation issue.

SECTION FIVE (Partnerships)

It shall be the goal of the Village of Bensenville to foster partnerships with the State of Illinois, DuPage County, Cook County, the Regional Transportation Authority, Metra, Pace, Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Chicago, local Townships, local School Districts, the Bensenville Park District, the Bensenville Community Public Library, the Bensenville Chamber of Commerce, the Fire District, B Well Bensenville Youth Coalition, and the other Bensenville stakeholders to enhance local connectivity.

SECTION SIX (Design standards)

In order to best balance the needs of all users and provide increased flexibility in design, the Village shall develop design guidelines in accordance with the most up-to-date standards, requirements and recommendations as provided by, but not limited to:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- *Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities*
- *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*
- National Association of City Transportation Officials – *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*
- Illinois Department of Transportation – *Bureau of Design and Environment Manual*
- The Access Board – *Pedestrian Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines*
- FHWA – *PEDSAFE: Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasures Selection System*
- Institute of Transportation Engineers – *Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach*
- American Planning Association
- *U.S. Traffic Calming Manual*
- *Complete Streets: Best Policy and Implementation Practices*
- Active Transportation Alliance – *Complete Streets Complete Networks*
- Federal Highway Administration – *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*

The Village shall also reference applicable local land use regulatory documents, such as:

- Bensenville Active Transportation Plan, 2016
- DuPage County Regional Bikeway Plan
- Village Code and Zoning
- Village of Bensenville Comprehensive Plan, 2015
- Regional Transit Authority – Bensenville Transit Improvement Plan and Station Area Study, 2009
- Bensenville Comprehensive Economic Development Study
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – Homes for a Changing Region

SECTION SEVEN (Community Context)

The Village of Bensenville shall call on its heritage to guide future development in a manner that is sensitive to local context and character by providing an interconnected

network of streets, sidewalks and trails that supports walking, bicycling and transit use. Accepted design standards and best practices shall be followed in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of the public right-of-way. The planning, design, and implementation for all corridors shall:

- a) Include the local community and stakeholders
- b) Consider the function of the roadway
- c) Consider transitway alignment and station areas
- d) Assess the current and future needs of the corridor users

SECTION EIGHT (Performance Standards)

In order to evaluate the Village's progress toward implementation of the Complete Streets approach, the Village will use the following performance measures:

- a) Number of speeding and safety or access-related concerns received through the Staff Traffic Advisory Committee
- b) Total miles of on-street bicycle routes defined by streets with clearly marked or signed bicycle accommodation
- c) Linear feet of new pedestrian accommodations
- d) Number of new ADA compliant curb ramps installed along Village streets
- e) Annual school crossing guard walking counts
- f) Annual bike counts on bike routes
- g) Annual pedestrian and bicycle crash data analysis
- h) Number of trees planted

The above performance measures will be incorporated in the annual reports of the Public Works and Engineering Departments and the Community & Economic Development Department, which is reported to the Village Board.

SECTION NINE (Implementation)

Implementation of Bensenville's Complete Streets policy shall be the responsibility of all Elected and Appointed Officials and Village Departments. Training on Complete Streets, active transportation policies, and non-motorized transportation options will be the responsibility of each Village of Bensenville Department, as guided by the Community & Economic Development Department.

For all proposed improvements to the public right-of-way, the Village Manager's Office shall notify Department Heads from the Village's Public Works, Community &

Economic Development Department, Police, and Finance Departments of a required pre-planning meeting with the appropriate agents or jurisdictions. Each Department may choose to attend or send a representative to provide input.

The Village of Bensenville Public Works shall have the authority to implement any improvement to the public right of way that conforms to this Complete Streets policy.

Improvements to corridors, routes, and sites prioritized by the Bensenville Active Transportation Plan shall be subject to review by the Bensenville Village Board Committee (Community & Economic Development Committee or the Infrastructure & Environment Committee) to ensure that all users are accommodated. Following their review the Committee shall make a recommendation to Village Board, which shall have final authority to implement Bensenville's Complete Streets policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville, this 22 day of March, 2016.



Frank Soto, Village President

ATTEST:



Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo, Village Clerk

AYES: Carmona, DeSimone, Jaworska, O'Connell, Wesseler

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Janowiak