

CITY OF HEALDSBURG

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HEALDSBURG SETTING FORTH HEALDSBURG'S
COMMITMENT TO COMPLETE STREETS

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, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods and agricultural products, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Healdsburg acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Healdsburg recognizes that the planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure provides benefits for local governments in the areas of infrastructure cost savings; public health; and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has emphasized the importance of Complete Streets by enacting the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 (also known as AB 1358), which requires that when cities or counties revise general plans, they identify how they will provide for the mobility needs of all users of the roadways, as well as through Deputy Directive 64, in which the California Department of Transportation explained that it “views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in California and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system;” and

WHEREAS, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (known as AB 32) sets a mandate for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in California, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (known as SB 375) requires emissions reductions through coordinated regional planning that integrates transportation, housing and land-use policy, and achieving the goals of these laws will require significant increases in travel by public transit, bicycling, and walking; and

WHEREAS, numerous California counties, cities, and agencies have adopted Complete Streets policies and legislation in order to further the health, safety, welfare, economic vitality, and environmental well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Healdsburg therefore, in light of the foregoing benefits and considerations, wishes to improve its commitment to Complete Streets and desires that its streets form a comprehensive and integrated transportation network promoting safe, equitable, and convenient travel for all users while preserving flexibility, recognizing community context, and using the latest and best design guidelines and standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Healdsburg hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, motorists, movers of commercial goods and agricultural products and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healdsburg Public Works Department should make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, should approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public streets and the transportation network for all users, and should work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healdsburg Public Works Department should evaluate how well the streets and transportation network of Healdsburg are serving each category of users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that trainings in how to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users should be provided for staff planners, engineers, project managers, plan reviewers, inspectors, and other personnel responsible for the design, construction, and overview of streets, bridges, and other portions of the transportation network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of each affected department should report back to City Council within one year of the date of passage of this Resolution regarding: the steps taken to implement this Resolution; additional steps planned; and any desired actions that would need to be taken by City Council to implement those steps taken or planned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee is hereby created, to be composed of the Healdsburg Transportation Commission, as established by City Council Resolution 3-2012 adopted January 3, 2012, to recommend short-term and long-term steps, planning, and policy adoption necessary to create a comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users; to assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Street in Healdsburg; and to develop proposed revisions to all appropriate plans, zoning and subdivision codes, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, templates, and design manuals, to integrate, accommodate, and balance the needs of all users in all projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee should consider requiring incorporation of Complete Streets modifications and infrastructure in the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repairing of streets, bridges, or other portions of the transportation network; enacting performance standards with measurable benchmarks reflecting the ability of users to travel in safety and comfort; and requiring all initial planning and design studies, health impact assessments, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding or approval by Healdsburg to: (1) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and (2) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee should report on the matters within its purview to the City Council within one year following the date of adoption of this Resolution, and upon receipt of this report the City Council will hold a hearing to determine further implementation steps.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2012 by the following vote:

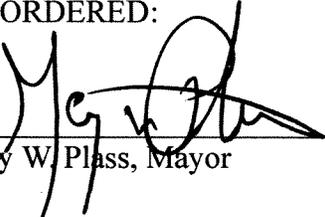
AYES: Councilmembers: (5) Chambers, Jones, McCaffery, Wood and Mayor Plass

NOES: Councilmembers: (0) None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: (0) None

ABSTAINING: Councilmembers: (0) None

SO ORDERED:



Gary W. Plass, Mayor

ATTEST:



Maria Curiel, City Clerk

I, MARIA CURIEL, City Clerk of the City of Healdsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 128-2012 adopted by the City Council of the City of Healdsburg on the 17th day of December, 2012.



Maria Curiel, City Clerk

