

# CITY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## CITY COMMISSION POLICY

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**SUBJECT: COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that every public right-of-way shall be planned, designed, constructed, and maintained such that each resident of the City of Marquette will have transportation options to safely and conveniently travel to their destinations.

**POLICY:**

- Each phase in the life of a roadway, including planning, funding, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining of new and modified streets, will be an opportunity to improve the integration of all transportation modes into the roadway.
- Sound engineering and planning judgment will produce context sensitive designs that will account for the unique circumstances of different users, streets, neighborhoods, and activity centers.
- The transportation network should be planned and constructed as a well-connected system that encourages multiple connections to destinations.
- Facilities for all modes, including pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, and motor vehicle, should be constructed to the standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) on all roadways as required or as a minimum standard. Where permitted, designs for such facilities from other authorities may be used on a pilot-project basis as approved by state authorities and/or the City Engineer.
- When possible, context sensitive streetscape plans that incorporate appropriate native plants and landscaping materials should be developed whenever a street is newly constructed, reconstructed, or relocated.
- Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects, incrementally through a series of small improvements, or through maintenance activities.
- Complete Streets principles may not apply to maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., mowing, sweeping, snow removal, and spot repair, or interim measures on detour or haul routes).

**STRATEGIES:**

- Complete Streets Guiding Principles will be considered when developing, amending and updating City plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs, as appropriate.
- Identify and document existing and potential funding sources available for achieving the vision of these Complete Streets Guiding Principles.
- Utilize inter-departmental project coordination to promote the most responsible and efficient use of fiscal resources for activities that occur within the public right-of-way.
- Include a mechanism in the transportation element of the Community Master Plan for tracking implementation of “complete streets” facilities constructed.
- Train relevant City staff on the content of the Complete Streets Guiding Principles and best practices for implementing them.