

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH AMENDING THE HILLSBOROUGH GENERAL PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTING "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICIES

- WHEREAS,** the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across select streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth and families; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Hillsborough acknowledges the benefits and value for public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling and public transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Hillsborough recognizes that the careful 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 (known as AB 1358), which requires that when cities or counties revise General Plans, they identify how they will provide for the routine accommodation of all users of the roadways; 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 to slow the onset of human-induced climate change, 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,** on December 10, 2012, the Town of Hillsborough adopted a resolution supporting "Complete Streets" policies; and
- WHEREAS,** while adoption of a supporting resolution has fulfilled grant eligibility requirements over the past several years, formal adoption of "Complete Streets" policies into the General Plan is now required for the receipt of

upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and State grants beginning January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillsborough 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; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan Amendment has been considered during a duly noticed public hearing to receive and consider public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the Town of Hillsborough in regular session assembled on January 12, 2015, based on the evidence presented, both written and oral, including written and oral testimony given at public hearings held by the Town of Hillsborough, hereby adopts the resolution adopting a General Plan Amendment to include "Complete Streets" policies based on the following findings and for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed General Plan Amendment is deemed to be in the public interest:

The proposed General Plan Amendment promotes health and safety through support for safe and alternate transportation.

- 2) The proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent and compatible with the rest of the General Plan:

The proposed General Plan Amendment continues to preserve the Town's unique single-family residential rural character while accommodating various modes of transportation in a safe manner.

- 3) Adoption of the proposed General Plan Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The proposed General Plan amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 as a project consistent with the General Plan and 15061(b)(3) as a project having no possibility of a significant environmental impact.

Page C-20, Circulation Element: Amend the Goals section of the Circulation Element by adding the following language:

Goal C-6: Create and maintain "Complete Streets" that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient travel along and across streets through a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that serves all categories of users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families. Examples of improvements created may include wheelchair ramps, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, walkways, and road diets.

Policy C-6.1: Context Sensitivity. - In planning and implementing street projects, departments and committees of the Town of Hillsborough shall maintain sensitivity to local residential communities and shall work with residents and other stakeholders to ensure that a strong sense of place ensues. Improvements that may be considered include walking paths, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, bicycle routes, paved shoulders, street trees and landscaping, planting strips, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks, traffic islands, signs, street furniture, bicycle parking and other features assisting in the provision of safe travel for all users.

Policy C-6.2: "Complete Streets" Routinely Addressed by All Departments. All relevant departments and committees of the Town of Hillsborough shall work towards making Complete Streets practices a part of everyday operations, approach every relevant project, program, and practice as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all categories of users, and work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to maximize opportunities for "Complete Streets", connectivity, and cooperation. The following projects provide opportunities: pavement resurfacing, restriping, underground utilities, signalization operations or modifications, and installation of landscaping/related features.

Action C-6.1: All Projects and Phases. "Complete Streets" infrastructure sufficient to enable reasonably safe travel along and across the right of way for each category of users shall be incorporated into relevant planning, funding, design, approval, and implementation processes for construction, reconstruction, retrofit, or substantial alteration of streets (including streets, roads, bridges, and other portions of the transportation system).

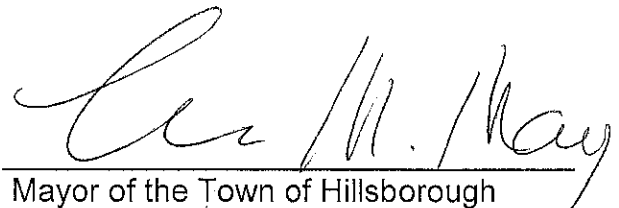
Action C-6.2: Plan Consultation and Consistency. Maintenance, planning, and design of projects affecting the transportation system shall be consistent with local bicycle, pedestrian, transit, multimodal, and other relevant plans, except that where such consistency cannot be achieved without negative consequences, consistency shall not be required if the head of the relevant department provides written approval explaining the basis of such deviation.

Action C-6.3: Street Network/Connectivity. As feasible, the Town of Hillsborough shall incorporate "Complete Streets" infrastructure into existing streets to improve the safety and convenience of users, with the particular goal of creating a connected network of facilities accommodating each category of users, and increasing connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries, and for existing and anticipated future areas of travel origination or destination.

Action C-6.4: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Consultation. Transportation projects shall be reviewed by the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) early in the planning and design stage, to provide the BPAC an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding "Complete Streets" features to be incorporated into the project.

Action C-6.5: Evaluation. Pertinent agencies or departments may perform evaluations of the streets and transportation network of the Town of Hillsborough to determine how each category of users are served by collecting baseline data follow-up data, as needed.

Action C-6.6: Exceptions. Applicability of the goals, policies and actions may not always be appropriate for ordinary or emergency maintenance or repairs or due to significant financial impacts, significant adverse impacts, practical infeasibility, or lack of necessity, as determined by the Public Works Director.



Mayor of the Town of Hillsborough



Attest: City Clerk

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the Town of Hillsborough at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of January 2015, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES: Councilmembers May, Chuang, Benton, Christianson, Royse

NOES: Councilmembers None

ABSENT: Councilmembers None

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers None