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RESOLUTION 13-13

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR NIRPC-PROGRAMMED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) promotes an effective multimodal, regional land use/transportation system that is safe, energy and fiscally efficient, maximizes regional connectivity, serves the mobility needs of all citizens, and is environmentally sensitive; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC promotes transportation improvements that encourage walking, bicycling and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are roadways that accommodate safe and efficient access for all users by law including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan, design, construct, re-construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for all users of the roadway in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets principles have been, and continue to be, adopted nationwide at state, regional, and municipal levels in the interest of adherence to federal regulations that promote multimodal transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC is responsible for planning and programming transportation projects that utilize federal grants which adhere to goals and objectives from previously adopted documents such as the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* and the *Regional Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan of 2010 (Ped & Pedal Plan)*; and other applicable documents; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC adopted a Complete Street Policy & Guidelines in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Alliance of Chicago produced a comprehensive manual in 2012 entitled *Complete Streets Complete Networks* which outlines design guidance and has been released as a public domain document; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC's Ped, Pedal and Paddle Committee and Transportation Policy Committee have duly voted to recommend this manual as the official Complete Streets design guidance to aid in the development of roadways that accommodate all intended users of the corridor in the NIRPC region of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties; and

WHEREAS, ammendments to the manual have been recommended that pertain to special circumstances particular to Indiana Department of Transportation design policy (see attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NIRPC duly adopts the *Complete Streets Complete Networks* manual, with ammendments, as the official design guidance for projects directly programed by NIRPC.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 20th day of June, two thousand and thirteen.


David Uran,
Chair

ATTEST:


James G. Ton,
Secretary



Design Guidelines Amendments

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) has adopted the Active Transportation Alliance's Complete Streets Complete Networks design manual as official guidance for NIRPC-attributable transportation projects. Being said the following amendments to the manual have been added to aid in the development of projects in the NIRPC region:

- 1) The standards highlighted in the Complete Streets Complete Networks (CSCN) manual represent national best practices and should be incorporated - to the greatest degree possible - into design scopes based on land use and street condition contexts.
- 2) A number of these design guidelines may be in conflict with current standards as reflected in the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Design Manual.
- 3) No entity receiving NIRPC-attributable funds are mandated to incorporate any standards from the CSCN manual that will be in direct conflict with those outlined in the INDOT Design Manual.
- 4) NIRPC staff will work with awarded entities on incorporating Complete Streets design as already outlined in NIRPC Complete Streets Policy & Guidelines as approved by the NIRPC Commission on May 20, 2010.