RESOLUTION 2016-2

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SALEM, INDIANA ADOPTING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town of North Salem ("Town"), is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana, governed by its duly elected Town Council ("Council"); and,

WHEREAS, the Council has the duty and authority to adopt policies and procedures that can best serve the public safety and orderly planning and use of all streets within the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has been advised of the issues surrounding the different means of utilizing the proposed and existing trails, streets and other thoroughfares throughout the Town by pedestrians and bicyclists as well as the related safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has been advised and is now desirous of implementing a policy of "Complete Streets" to be considered with all decisions involving the development of new projects as well as implementation of a Pavement Asset Management Plan anticipated to be adopted by the Town, to allow for alternate vehicular traffic in a safe and orderly manner to best address the issues of bicycle traffic on trails and public thoroughfares.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SALEM, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

- The Council has reviewed the issues involved regarding the orderly and safe use of its trails and other thoroughfares and now finds that the "Complete Streets Policy" as contained in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein shall be adopted as a policy of the Town of North Salem.
- Section 2. This policy shall be in full force and effect immediately and remain in effect until further action by the Council.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SALEM, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA,

on this the 4 day of lug, 2016

Council Member Michael Selch, Pres

Council Member Michael Russell

Council Member Rebecca Compton

ATTEST: /

Beth Russell, Clerk Treasurer

EXHIBIT "A"

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

1) Purpose:

This complete streets policy (the "Complete Streets Policy") is designed to encourage developers, elected officials, government agencies, planners, engineers and architects to use an interdisciplinary approach to incorporate the needs of all users into the design and construction of roadway projects within the Town of North Salem, Indiana (the "Town").

The complete streets concept involves designing and building roads that adequately accommodate all users of the Town's transportation corridors, including pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, the elderly, motorists, freight providers, emergency responders and adjacent land users. This concept contemplates appropriate accommodations(s) so that all modes of transportation can function safely and independently under current and future conditions. The complete streets concept should be adapted to fit local community needs and should be used to inform and enhance future transportation planning.

Complete streets should incorporate community values and qualities including environment, scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resources, safety and mobility. The complete streets design approach incudes careful multi-modal evaluation for the Town's transportation corridors, integrated with best management strategies for land use, economic development and transportation.

The overarching goals of this Complete Streets Policy are:

- a) To promote that the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system are considered, including pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, the elderly, motorists, freight providers, emergency responders and adjacent land users;
- b) To promote incorporation of the principles in this policy into the transportation project development process, including project identification, scoping procedures and design approvals, as well as design manual and performance measures;
- c) To promote the creation of a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network that supports compact, sustainable development;
- d) To promote the use of the latest and best design standards, policies and guidelines;
- e) To acknowledge the need for flexibility to accommodate different types of streets and users; and
- f) To promote the use of complete streets design principles in a contextually sensitive manner.

2) Policy:

- a) Applicability:
 - i) Complete streets design principles should be considered for all new Town roadway construction and reconstruction projects, during all phases of project implementation including planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction and engineering.
 - ii) Complete streets principles should also be considered as part of the development plan review process, the zoning process and the comprehensive planning process.

b) Objectives:

- i) Roadway projects should be planned and designed to accommodate all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, the elderly, motorists, freight providers, emergency responders and adjacent land users.
- ii) Roadway projects should make use of the latest and best design standards, policies, and guidelines to advance complete streets objectives.
- iii) Complete streets designs should take into account and should be customized based on the context in which they are applied. Complete streets designs should be flexible enough to appropriately address the specific needs of each transportation corridor.
- c) Additional information on Complete Streets is available through the following resources:
 - i) National Complete Streets Coalition

http://www.completestreets.org/

ii) The American Planning Association

http://www.planning.org/research/streets/index.htm

iii) National Association of City Transportation Officials

http://www.nacto.org