



St. Bernard Parish Council

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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Luna, seconded by Mr. Montelongo, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #1572-04-16

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ST. BERNARD PARISH COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

WHEREAS, the goal of a Complete Streets Policy is to implement an approach to roadway construction and maintenance that recognizes the needs of all users should be accommodated within the roadway right-of-way including motor vehicles, commercial and industrial traffic, pedestrians, bicyclists, the elderly, the disabled, and transit users; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish representatives have held two workshops to learn about Complete Streets with the assistance of the Regional Planning Commission of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes and their consultant team; and

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Comprehensive Plan requires a Complete Streets Policy be implemented by the Parish; and

WHEREAS, numerous other agencies across the country have adopted Complete Streets policies since 2004 including the Regional Planning Commission of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes; the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and the cities of Baton Rouge and New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish supports the benefits a Complete Streets Policy can provide for the Parish including improved safety for all users especially the disabled and people who rely on non-motorized transportation and transit as their primary means of travel; enhanced access to employment, shopping and other destinations; improved connectivity throughout the community, improved community health; and increased economic development; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government supports the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy in order to expand our multi-modal transportation system and improve the overall quality of life for our residents; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Bernard Parish Council, does hereby adopt this Complete Streets Policy as outlined below:

Gillis McCloskey
*Councilmember
District A*

Purpose The purpose of the St. Bernard Complete Streets Policy is to provide safe access for all users of all roadways, wherever feasible, in order to improve safe travel, accessibility, connectivity, health, economic growth, and the overall quality of life of St. Bernard Parish residents.

Nathan Gorbaty
*Councilmember
District B*

Scope of Coverage This policy will apply to all new roadway construction projects, and drainage projects along roadways, undertaken after the adoption of this policy. It will apply to those projects in the early stages of design or implementation where plan changes can be easily incorporated to implement Complete Streets improvements. It will not apply to routine maintenance such as pot-hole patching but will apply to such projects as resurfacing and drainage improvements that provide an opportunity to further Complete Streets goals.

Howard Luna
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Wanda Alcon
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Limitations This policy acknowledges it may not be possible to modify projects that are in the final plans stage of design engineering and/or nearing construction and an exception from the policy will be made for those projects.

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Policy Requirements This policy requires a formal review be conducted of any new roadway project (or drainage project along an adjacent roadway) for potential improvements that will make the roadway safer and more accommodating for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users to the extent possible and practical according to current best practices design standards. Incorporation of such recommended improvements must be done within the context of the selected roadway, its adjacent land use, and the surrounding area; and in accordance with the St. Bernard Parish Comprehensive Plan and related adopted plans of the Parish.

Exceptions to the Policy It may not be possible to incorporate optimum improvements for all users in all projects due to the surrounding land use conditions, right-of-way limitations, and other constraints. Exceptions will be made to this policy if potential improvements are not feasible from a practical standpoint or are so costly they are out of balance with the overall project budget. While optimum improvements may not be feasible in all cases, it is the goal of this policy to improve conditions for all users. Therefore, less than optimum improvements will be considered if they further this overall goal.



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Implementation Process Administrative staff, led by the Community Development Department working jointly with the Public Works Department, will review current procedures, practices, ordinances, and regulations and initiate such changes as are needed to implement this policy including formal procedures for Complete Streets reviews and stricter enforcement of current regulations. Such changes that require amendments to local ordinances will be presented to the Council for consideration.

An ad-hoc Implementation Working Group, composed of representative stakeholders such as bicycle users, will be formed to provide advisory public input to the Community Development and Public Works Department on such procedures and ordinance amendments. A final report of the Implementation Working Group will be presented to the Parish President and the public by no later than August, 2016.

Annual Report An annual Complete Streets Report will be made to the Council each August on the number of projects evaluated, the resulting changes and its impact (for example, as measured by linear feet of sidewalk added, miles of bikeways added, or number of new bus turnouts installed, etc.)

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: McCloskey, Gorbaty, Luna, Montelongo, Lewis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alcon

The Council Chair, Ms. Callais, cast her vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 19th day of April, 2016.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 19th day of April, 2016.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL