

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2019-653

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Newby

Date of Introduction: September 10, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: R, TEU

Date of Analysis: September 10, 2019

Type of Action: Resolution expressing support

Bill Summary: This bill expresses the support of City Council for the Complete Streets policy of the City of Jacksonville. The Complete Streets policy includes:

- Planning all transportation projects to create context sensitive streets that allow safe and convenient transportation; balance the needs of all users
- Ensures consistency with existing City of Jacksonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Mobility Plan
- All capital improvement, preservation, repair, and maintenance projects near or within the public right-of-way should integrate the needs of all users (motor vehicle operators, public transportation services, bicyclists, pedestrians, users with different abilities and movers of freight and commercial goods)
- This policy will apply to all new construction and reconstruction of streets and bridges funded by the City or dedicated and accepted by the City for operation and maintenance
- When transportation projects are occurring, accommodations shall be made for all modes of transportation to continue to use the roads and sidewalks safely

Background Information: In the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the 2030 Mobility Plan, the Context Sensitive Streets policy supports and encourages alternate modes of transportation such as walking, biking and transit use. In 2013, the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee made progress in revising City policies, ordinances, procedures, manuals and standards manuals to incorporate context sensitive design principles. In 2019, the City adopted the City of Jacksonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan which established guidelines for evaluating and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian improvements through the city. That Master Plan identified four projects: Soutel Drive Road Diet; the Phoenix Neighborhood Systematic Neighborhood Action Plan for Pedestrians; installation of signalized pedestrian crossings; and the Fuller Warren Bridge waterfront trail loop development and enhancement. A Complete Streets policy will supplement the existing Context Sensitive Streets policy and context sensitive design principles and encourage a safe, equitable, reliable, efficient, integrated and connected system of streets to promote access, mobility and health for all people.

Policy Impact Area: City of Jacksonville's Complete Streets policy

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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