RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE AS OUTLINED IN PUBLIC ACT 09-154, AN ACT IMPROVING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

WHEREAS, complete streets mean roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods, whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.

WHEREAS, a complete streets policy means a document that provides guidance for the planning, design, and construction of roadways or an interconnected network of transportation facilities being constructed or reconstructed and designated for a transportation purpose that promotes complete streets and meets all of the following requirements:

(i) is sensitive to the needs of the City of Waterbury;

(ii) considers the functional class of the roadway and project costs and allows for appropriate exemptions; and

(iii) considers the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway, of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers improved health benefits for the population and makes the City of Waterbury a more livable community;

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut legislature has passed complete streets legislation that requires the Connecticut Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all users in transportation-related projects;
WHEREAS, complete streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities;

WHEREAS, complete streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the State of Connecticut Safe Routes to Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Waterbury, that:

To the extent feasible, accommodations for all users shall be a routine part of the planning, design, construction and operating activities of all City of Waterbury streets.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2014

ATTEST:  

Michael J. Dalton  
City Clerk

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