

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-25

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY ESTABLISHING PRACTICES REGARDING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS SO THAT WALKING, BICYCLING, TRANSIT AND MOTOR VEHICLE USE ARE INTEGRATED IN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR ALL USERS.

WHEREAS, Transportation Policy E in the Town of Mesilla's 2004 Comprehensive Plan states that the Town will seek and promote alternative means of transportation in order to promote pedestrian, bicyclist and transit opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2005 Transportation Plan, which Mesilla helped to craft, encourages walking, bicycling and transit use as safe, convenient and energy efficient for all people; and

WHEREAS, the MPO passed a Complete Streets Resolution on May 14, 2008, encouraging the Town of Mesilla, the City of Las Cruces, the County of Dona Ana and NM State University to also adopt a Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principal of a Complete Streets policy is to plan, design, operate and maintain a transportation network to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users of all abilities—pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motor vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, since streets constitute an increasingly valuable portion of public space, they should be corridors for all modes of transportation with a particular emphasis on pedestrian safety and useable public open space corridors with appropriate landscaping and lighting; and

WHEREAS, encouraging non-motorized transportation can have considerable positive health impacts and streets that support and invite multiple uses are more conducive to the public life of a community than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvements should include an array of facilities and amenities that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, including but not limited to street and sidewalk lighting, street trees, landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, access improvements in compliance with the American with Disabilities act and pedestrian access improvement to public transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies and practices could potentially complement and enhance the Town's ongoing interests in establishing a bike lane on Calle del Norte and a bike lane and pedestrian path on University Ave.; the NM Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program; use of EBID property for public trails; and achieving Bicycle Friendly Community status.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mesilla that:

1. Town staff will consult and cooperate with the MPO, the NM Department of Transportation and other contributing agencies to implement a Complete Streets policy in Mesilla by planning a transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and motorists in a manner consistent with and supportive of the surrounding community. This may include consulting on policies and procedures addressing the planning, design, construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities on such streets as Avenida de Mesilla, Calle del Norte, University Ave. and Union Ave. to support the creation of Complete Streets, including capital improvements and roadway re-striping, recognizing that all streets must balance user needs. Further, Complete Streets planning may include revisions to street design standards in the Town code.

2. Except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, Complete Streets principals will not apply to maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition.

3. Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

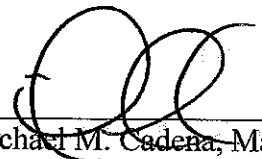
4. It is the Town's intent that all available sources of transportation funding be drawn upon to implement Complete Streets practices.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2008, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mesilla, New Mexico.

ATTEST:



Juan A. Fuentes
Town Clerk-Treasurer



Michael M. Cadena, Mayor