

CITY OF NEWPORT

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C O U N C I L
No. 2019-105

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
GREEN and COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE for NEWPORT

- WHEREAS On September 15, 2010 the City Council passed a resolution in support of "Complete Streets" concepts in City Planning, concepts which were incorporated successfully in the redesign of Broadway, establishing a streetscape that provides safe and convenient access for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists of all ages and abilities; AND
- WHEREAS Pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity are stated multiple times as a priority throughout the 2017 Comprehensive Land Use Plan; AND
- WHEREAS With the upcoming redesign of the Pell Bridge ramps and the development of a road grid on what will be a blank canvas, the residents of Newport need and deserve a traffic grid that functions well for all users of the road, with accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchairs and strollers, with streets that are safe and comfortable for pedestrians, as well as being attractive to walk along and to cross; AND
- WHEREAS Our historic city streets invite walking and slower modes of transport in order to appreciate the architecture and attractions, for both residents and tourists alike, yet many of those streets suffer from obstacles and hindrances that are challenging to many modes of transport; AND
- WHEREAS "Green and Complete Streets" standards address these issues and protect the most vulnerable users including seniors, people with disabilities, and children, in addition to addressing issues of stormwater runoff and environmental health, including green spaces, rain gardens, and street trees; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the Planning Office work together with representatives from the Solicitor's Office, the Public Services Department, the Public Utilities Department, and the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, along with representatives from the following civic groups: Newport for All Ages, the Newport Health Equity Zone Transportation Working Group, Bike Newport and the Newport Transportation Planning Committee, as well as with

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any Urban Design team or Transportation Design team hired by the City, to prepare an ordinance that will ensure that the development of a new street grid will incorporate the latest standards in "green and complete streets," as articulated by the National Complete Streets Coalition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the ordinance ensure that any major street improvement project in the City entail a process whereby the latest standards for "green and complete streets" shall be received by the community effected and be incorporated in the project, as practicable.

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IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
DECEMBER 11, 2019



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City Clerk