

RESOLUTION NUMBER #4043

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE
OF BARNESVILLE TO ADOPT THE
COMPLETE STREETS & SAFE TRAVEL POLICY
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Barnesville finds it in the best interest of their residents to adopt a Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy establishes the Village's intent to consider safe and practical accommodations for all of its residents when planning, designing, constructing, or reconstructing streets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of Barnesville that:

- Section 1. The Village adopt the Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- Section 2. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Village of Barnesville, as the proposed policy considers the needs of all residents when making street and roadway decisions and is in the best interest of all of its residents.

Jake Hershberger, Mayor

Passed: _____, 2026

Attest:

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

Village of Barnesville

Complete Streets and Safe Travel Policy (Minimal Commitment Version)

Purpose

The Village of Barnesville recognizes that streets serve multiple users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, emergency services, and school transportation. This policy establishes the Village's intent to consider safe and practical accommodation for all users when planning, designing, constructing, or reconstructing streets.

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Village of Barnesville to consider the needs of people of all ages and abilities when making street and roadway decisions, consistent with the Village's size, context, available funding, and project scope. At a minimum, the Village shall strongly consider feasible improvements such as repairing sidewalks in poor condition, widening existing sidewalks, constructing new sidewalks where appropriate, and installing or upgrading retroreflective pedestrian crossing markings at intersections. When paving, resurfacing, reconstructing, or constructing new roadways, the Village shall also consider sidewalk widths of at least five feet where feasible and appropriate.

Applicability

This policy applies to:

- New street construction projects, and
- Street reconstruction or resurfacing projects where feasible.

This policy does **not** require retrofitting existing streets, nor does it mandate specific design treatments.

Implementation

When feasible and appropriate, the Village may consider:

- Sidewalk continuity and connections, including building extraordinarily wide sidewalk when practicable.
- Safer street crossings
- Traffic speed and visibility near schools and community destinations
- Opportunities to improve walking and bicycling conditions

Decisions will be made on a **case-by-case basis**, taking into account:

- Project purpose and need
- Available funding
- Right-of-way constraints
- Traffic volumes and speeds
- Community context

Flexibility

The Village retains discretion to determine when accommodations are not practical due to cost, environmental constraints, safety concerns, or other documented reasons.

Coordination

The Village may coordinate with partner agencies, including Belomar Interstate Planning Commission, to identify context-appropriate solutions and pursue funding opportunities consistent with this policy.

Effective Date

This policy shall take effect upon adoption by Village Council.

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