

CITY COUNCIL 10.B

CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Ordinance: Complete Streets

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: David Mach, Public Works

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is adoption of the Complete Streets Ordinance. This follows a Council Work Session discussing this ordinance conducted on July 18, 2022 and a July 25, 2022 public hearing.

PRESENTER:

David Mach, City Engineer; Sarah Olson, PRCA Deputy Director; Amie Hanson, Project Manager

ESTIMATED TIME:

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BACKGROUND:

At the August 1st work session, Council Member Smith expressed his concerns about section 3 of the proposed ordinance which states:

“Further, the Director of Public Works is authorized to adopt amendments to the Connect Lynnwood: Active & Accessible Transportation Plan from time to time, as the Director of Public Works determines necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the City’s transportation facilities.”

Following the works session, staff discussed this section and recommends this statement be deleted from the proposed ordinance. Staff feels amendments to the plan should be made following a formal process including public input and City Council adoption. A revised ordinance is attached to this item which no longer includes this language.

The Complete Streets Ordinance is one of the two main outcomes from the Connect Lynnwood Project. This Project was developed to: improve walking and biking conditions; support developing a safer, more efficient transportation system; and provide safer access to schools and parks in Lynnwood. The Complete Streets Ordinance incorporates adoption of the Connect Lynnwood: Active & Accessible Transportation Plan (Plan). The Plan describes

the City's long-term vision and near-term action plan for improving walking and bicycling. Development of the Plan included multiple forms of public outreach between 2019 and 2021, including an online survey with specific questions for Lynnwood school families, an online open house with a comprehensive preview of the Plan, and tables presenting proposed biking and walking networks during park events. This Plan was developed to meet these active and accessible transportation goals: Balance - Provide transportation options to meet Lynnwood's mobility needs with an integrated multimodal system. Connectivity - Create comfortable, complete walking and bicycling networks. Safety - Create safer conditions for people walking, rolling, and bicycling. Equity - Address inequities and lack of access experienced by underserved and underrepresented communities. Health - Increase physical activity by making it easy and safe to be active on public ways. The Plan describes Lynnwood's existing walking and biking infrastructure, opportunities for improvements in Lynnwood's network and infrastructure, and maps prioritized projects. Finally, the Plan identifies strategies for implementation and funding active transportation facilities. The draft plan for approval is available online at: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/public-works/project-folders/beechnrd/connect-lynnwood/connect-lynnwood-final-draft-june-2022.pdf> Plan appendices including Outreach Overview, School Safety Plan, and Park Access Plan are published online at: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Engineering-Construction/City-Projects-Programs-Initiatives/Bicycle-Pedestrian-Multi-Modal-Projects/Connect-Lynnwood> Lynnwood's Complete Streets Ordinance has been developed to support Lynnwood's Complete Streets vision: The City of Lynnwood envisions an efficient and integrated multimodal system that balances mobility needs. To meet this vision, the City plans to develop a connected network that allows users of all ages, abilities, and incomes to safely use public ways to access local and regional destinations, including commercial sites and business activities. The City recognizes the public health, traffic congestion reduction, economic, and environmental benefits of encouraging active transportation such as walking, rolling, and bicycling. To improve funding opportunities for grants requiring or supporting agencies with an adopted Complete Streets Ordinance. The Complete Streets Ordinance establishes an incremental approach to meeting these goals through new construction, retrofit, and reconstruction projects. The Ordinance created for adoption describes the City's Complete Streets principles, applications and exceptions to Complete Streets, adopts the Connect Lynnwood: Active & Accessible Transportation Plan, and establishes future staff-led efforts to implement this Ordinance. Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the Complete Streets Ordinance during a Work Session on June 9, 2022. Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 23, 2022 and, subsequently, unanimously recommended adoption of the Complete Streets Ordinance to Council.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adoption of the Complete Streets Ordinance.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Work Session July 25, 2022: Item 11.A. Public Hearing: Complete Streets Ordinance

Work Session July 18, 2022: Item 4.B. Briefing: Complete Streets Ordinance

Work Session June 21, 2021: Item 3.D: Briefing: Connect Lynnwood: Active and Accessible Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy

Work Session September 16, 2020: Item D-Briefing: Connect Lynnwood: Active and Accessible Transportation Plan - School Safety Project Presentation

Business Meeting May 28, 2019: Item 90.1-G Contract: Citywide Multimodal Transportation Planning Supplemental Consultant Contract
Business Meeting November 8, 2017: Item 90.1-I Contract: Citywide Multimodal Transportation Planning Consultant Contract

VISIONS AND PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

Our Community Vision: The Lynnwood Community will be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government. Connect Lynnwood, the Multimodal Transportation Planning project, supports that vision and results in an important improvement to the City's infrastructure that links City of Lynnwood programs, policies, comprehensive plans, mission, and ultimately the Community Vision. The project supports this vision by delivering outcomes that correspond to the goals of building a healthy and sustainable environment, investing in recreation and community programs, investing in efficient, integrated local and regional transportation systems, ensuring a safe environment, and being responsive to the wants and needs of our citizens.

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

[Complete Streets Ordinance 8-8-22.pdf](#)