

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, ADDING 12.117, COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM, TO BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 12, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, THEREBY ENCOURAGING WALKING, BIKING, AND TRANSIT USE ALONG WITH THE SAFE OPERATION OF CARS AND TRUCKS.

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, transit users, emergency service providers and freight, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, more than 110,000 pedestrians and bicyclists are injured each year on roads in the United States with children and older adults at greatest risk and disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence and severity of pedestrian and bicyclists injuries could readily be decreased by implementing Complete Streets practices; and

WHEREAS, the one-third of Americans that do not drive, disproportionately represented by older adults, low-income people, people with disabilities, and children would greatly benefit from the equitable distribution of safe, alternative means of travel that will result from Complete Streets practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground wants to create convenient, enjoyable, and safe streets to improve walking and bicycling while connecting the neighborhoods and key destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Battle Ground City Council intends to improve the safety of city streets, enhance the quality of life of residents, encourage active living, and reduce traffic congestion and fossil fuel use by providing safe, convenient, and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling, and public transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new chapter entitled “12.117 Complete Streets Program” is hereby added to the Battle Ground City Code to read as follows:

Chapter 12.117

COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM

- 12.117.010 Purpose and Vision**
- 12.117.020 Definitions**
- 12.117.030 Exceptions**
- 12.117.040 Complete Streets Infrastructure**
- 112.117.050 Goals to Foster Partnerships**
- 112.117.060 Best Practices Criteria**
- 112.117.070 Performance Measure**

12.117.010 Purpose and Vision.

The City of Battle Ground shall, to the extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction, retrofit or reconstruction projects. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the City of Battle Ground shall identify cost-effective opportunities to include Complete Streets practices.

12.117.020 Definitions.

“Complete Street” means a road that is designed to be safe for drivers, bicyclists, transit vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

“Street Project” means the construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any street, and includes the planning, design, approval, and implementation processes.

“Users” means individuals or vehicles that use streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, freight, automobiles, public transportation vehicles and riders, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

“Complete Streets Infrastructure” means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users, including but not limited to features such as: sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; street trees and landscaping; planting strips; curbs; accessible curb ramps; bulb outs; crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities;

public transportation stops and facilities; traffic calming devices such as rotary circles, traffic humps, and surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete, narrow vehicle lanes; and raised medians.

12.117.030 Exceptions.

Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided under the following circumstances:

- A. When elements of this policy would require the accommodation of street uses prohibited by law;
- B. For routine maintenance activities such as mowing, snowplowing, sweeping, spot repair, joint or crack sealing, or pothole filing;
- C. Paving projects which involve widening pavement may exclude elements of this policy when the accommodation of a specific use is expected to require more space than is physically available, located where both current and future demand is proven absent or drastically increase project costs and equivalent alternatives exists within close proximity;
- D. Adverse impacts on environmental resources such as streams, wetlands, floodplains, or on historic structures or sites above and beyond the impacts of currently existing infrastructure;
- E. Cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future use;
- F. Development of sidewalks in areas falling outside those identified as appropriate for sidewalks on the basis of an adopted sidewalk policy;
- G. In instances where a documented exception is granted by the City Engineer.

12.117.040 Complete Streets Infrastructure.

As feasible, Battle Ground shall incorporate "Complete Streets Infrastructure" into existing public streets to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Battle Ground that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs of pedestrians (American with Disabilities Act and Title VI compliance), bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities, ensuring a fully connected, integrated network that provides transportation options.

12.117.050 Goals to Foster Partnerships.

It is a goal of the City of Battle Ground to foster partnerships with all Washington State transportation funding agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Federal Highway Administration, Clark County, Battle Ground School District, citizens, businesses, interested groups, neighborhoods, and any funding agency assisting in the City's implementation of the Complete Streets ordinance.

12.117.060 Best Practice Criteria.

The City Council or designee shall modify, develop and adopt policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations including but not limited to the latest relevant editions of the America Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) manuals while reflecting the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments and enhance the appearance of such.

12.117.070 Performance Measure.

The public works director and/or designees shall maintain a summary of transportation projects undertaken within the prior year and planned projects within the coming six year period and have the ability to explain the extent to which each of these projects has met the objectives of this policy.

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance.

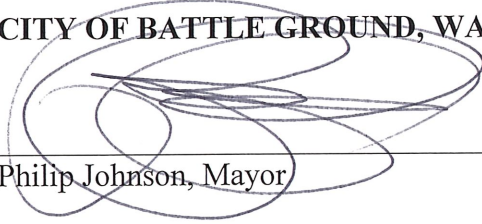
Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Repeal. This Ordinance shall repeal any prior legislative action of the City as it pertains to Complete Streets including Resolution 15-04 as previously adopted by City Council.

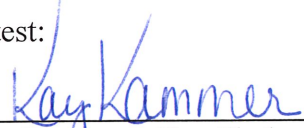
Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication.

ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

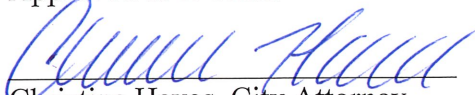
CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON


Philip Johnson, Mayor

Attest:


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Approved as to form:


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