

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #284

Introduced by Legislator: William Gouldman on behalf of the Physical Services Committee at the Year End Meeting held on December 19, 2023.

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APPROVAL/ ADOPTION/ PUTNAM COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are defined as comprehensive, integrated transportation networks with infrastructure and designs that enable safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, senior citizens, school bus riders, public transit users, motorists, emergency service providers, freight carriers, agricultural vehicles, etc.; and

WHEREAS, New York State passed the Complete Streets Law in 2011 that requires that Complete Streets design guidelines be considered for the planning, design, construction, and reconstruction of roadways receiving Federal and State funding; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is aware that alternate modes of transportation are beneficial in that they promote physical fitness and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic development, enhance community character, create equity, and improve health, safety, and livability over the long term; and

WHEREAS, under this policy, Putnam County shall foster partnerships with the State of New York, neighboring counties, and local municipalities to develop projects that further this policy; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has and will continue to follow the NYSDOT [Capital Projects Complete Streets Checklist](#) and NYSDOT's [Smart Growth Screening Tool](#) for federally and state funded projects respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy encourages incorporating Complete Streets design practices, to the extent feasible, as a part of infrastructure planning, design, and maintenance for County projects; and

WHEREAS, an important component to the success of Complete Streets in Putnam County is ensuring that all county services and facilities are accessible as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of Putnam County in constructing and renovating county roadways to consider the feasibility of including features that would promote its use by and enhance the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, senior citizens, school bus riders, public transit users, motorists, emergency service providers, freight carriers, agricultural vehicles, etc. The governing authority of Putnam County hereby adopts the attached Complete Streets Policy; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS NACERINO AND SAYEGH WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.


State of New York
ss:
County of Putnam

APPROVED

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
12/27/23
DATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on December 19, 2023.

Dated: December 21, 2023

Signed: 

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County