A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF LIMA COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

WHEREAS, transportation, economic and community development, quality of life, and community well-being are all dynamically connected through well planned, well designed, and context sensitive transportation solutions; and,

WHEREAS, a Complete Street is defined as one that provides safe and convenient access for all ages and users of the road, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lima views all transportation improvements as opportunities to connect neighborhoods, calm traffic and improve safety, provide greater access and mobility of users of the public way, and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lima promotes a transportation principal that all City residents should be able to drive, walk, or bike safely and conveniently throughout the City for daily needs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, numerous jurisdictions in the United States have adopted Complete Streets Policies, and having such and complying with such policies is regarded as a competitive community and economic development advantage, particularly when seeking state and federal resource opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is necessary because of the immediate need for such Complete Streets Policy, and that in order to preserve the public peace, property, health and safety of the community, and to provide for the effective operation of the municipal government, and by reason thereof, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIMA, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED THERETO CONCURRING:

Section 1. The City of Lima hereby adopts policies and principles that support Complete Streets goals, design, and elements as defined and described by the City of Lima Complete Streets Policy adopted by the Director of Public Works and authorized by the Mayor as set forth in attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings held in compliance with the law.

Section 3. The Clerk of Council be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to cause publication of this Resolution to be made in a summary manner as provided by the City Charter.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to council at the first reading hereof. If it shall not so pass it shall take effect and be in force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to council at the second reading hereof. If it shall not so pass at second reading then it shall take effect and be in force forthwith upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members elected to council at the third reading hereof. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: May 2, 2016

John G. Nixon, President

Approved: May 2, 2016

David J. Berger, Mayor

Attest: Sally Clemans, Clerk
City of Lima
Complete Streets Policy

Vision and Purpose:

Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety, comfort, and accessibility for all the users of our streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial vehicles, and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages, abilities, and income levels. Furthermore, Complete Streets principles contribute toward safety, health, economic viability, and quality of life in a community by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments in order to provide, safe, accessible, and comfortable means of travel between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations. Complete Street also furthers equity objectives by providing safe forms of travel for City of Lima residents of all income levels. It is the intent of the City of Lima to formalize the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of streets and street networks so that they are safe for users of all ages, all abilities, all transportation modes and all income levels as a matter of routine. This Policy directs decision-makers to consistently plan, design, construct, and maintain streets to accommodate all anticipated users including, but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, emergency vehicles, and freight and commercial vehicles.

Core Commitment:

The City of Lima recognizes that users of various modes of transportation, including, but not limited to, pedestrians, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, motorists, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders are legitimate users of roadways and deserve safe facilities. “All Users” includes users of all ages, abilities, and income levels.

The City of Lima recognizes that all roadway projects – including new construction, maintenance, and reconstruction – are potential opportunities to apply Complete Streets design principles. The City will, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.

Complete Street design recommendations shall be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects as appropriate. All transportation infrastructure and street design projects requiring funding or approval by the City of Lima, as well as projects funded by the State and Federal government, Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Capital Funding, and other state and federal funds for street and infrastructure design shall adhere to the maximum extent possible to the City of Lima’s
Complete Streets Policy. Private developments and related roadway design components shall also adhere to the Complete Streets principles. In addition, to the extent practical, state-owned roadways will comply with the Complete Streets Policy, including the design, construction, and maintenance of such roadways within City boundaries and City maintained roadways.

City Departments, in consultation with the Engineering Department, will use best judgement regarding the desirability and feasibility of applying Complete Street principles for routine roadway maintenance and projects, such as repaving, restriping, and so forth.

Transportation infrastructure projects, including but not limited to roadway reconstruction, roadway reconfigurations, or subdivisions may be excluded upon approval by the City Engineer, where documentation and data indicate that any of the following apply:

1. Roadways where specific users are prohibited by law, such as interstate freeways or pedestrian malls. An effort will be made, in these cases, for accommodation elsewhere.

2. Cost or impacts of accommodation are excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use.

3. Other City policies, regulations, or requirements contradict or preclude implementation of Complete Street principles.

Best Practices:

The City of Lima Complete Streets policy will focus on developing a connected, integrated network that serves all road users. Complete Streets will be integrated into polices, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance or transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.

Implementation of the City of Lima’s Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively with all relevant departments of the City and, to the greatest extent possible, with public and private utilities, private developers, and state, regional, and federal agencies.

Complete Streets principles include the development and implementation of projects in a context-sensitive manner in which project implementation is sensitive to the community’s physical, economic, and social setting. The context-sensitive approach to process and design includes a range of goals by giving significant consideration to stakeholder and community values. It includes goals related to livability with greater participation of those affected in order to gain project consensus. The overall goal of this approach is to preserve and enhance scenic,
aesthetic, historical, and environmental resources while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions.

The City of Lima recognizes that “Complete Streets may be achieved through single elements incorporated into particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

David J. Berger
Mayor
Date: 3-31-16

J. Howard Elstro
Director of Public Works
Date: 3/30/16