



City of Dayton Livable Streets Policy

Effective February 3, 2010

Vision

All users of the surface transportation network, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit, children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, freight carriers, emergency responders, and adjacent land users, will experience a visually attractive and functional environment while travelling safely and conveniently on and across all surface roadways within the City of Dayton.

Purpose

Streets are an integral component of the City of Dayton. They play a vital role in the social and economic health of the community by providing the primary physical link between the citizens, businesses, and institutions of the City of Dayton. Though facilitating the movement of motor vehicles will continue to be the primary role of the surface transportation network, it is increasingly important to recognize that alternative methods of surface transportation play a pivotal role in moving people and goods throughout the City of Dayton. The purpose of this Policy is to promote the design of surface transportation corridors that balance the needs of all users of the surface transportation network while incorporating the community values and qualities of environmental stewardship; scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resource preservation; safety; security; mobility and individual freedom.

Goals

- A. Ensure the needs of all users are balanced throughout the surface transportation network to the greatest reasonable measure.
- B. Incorporate the vision, purpose, and goals of this Policy into all aspects of the project development process for surface transportation projects.
- C. Create a balanced, comprehensive, integrated, fully interconnected, functional, and visually attractive surface transportation network.
- D. Promote the use of the latest and best “complete streets” design standards, principles, policies, and guidelines within the context of the community.

Directives

The City of Dayton's surface transportation network shall balance the needs of all current and future users. Project identification, planning, scoping, and design for new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance within the public right-of-way shall adhere, where applicable, to the following:

- 1) Accommodations for all users of the surface transportation network shall be balanced in accordance with the latest and best "complete streets" standards, principles, policies, and guidelines, except under one (1) or more of the following conditions as determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works:
 - a) Where bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the roadway, or
 - b) Where the cost of providing such accommodations would be disproportionate given the need or probability of use, or
 - c) Where severe topographic or natural resource constraints prohibit such accommodations, or
 - d) Where conditions or restrictions outside the purview of the City of Dayton prohibit such actions.
- 2) Where accommodations for all users cannot be made, reasonable effort shall be made to identify adjacent alternative routes and/or methods of travel to provide a safe, reliable, integrated, and interconnected surface transportation network.
- 3) Roadways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, transit stops and facilities, and all connecting pathways shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so that all users of the surface transportation network can travel safely, reliably, and independently.
- 4) The implementation of this Policy shall reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments, and enhance the appearance of such.
- 5) The design and development of surface transportation infrastructure shall be in accordance with all City of Dayton ordinances, codes, plans, policies, and guidelines where appropriate.
- 6) A system of performance measurements shall be established to gauge the success of this Policy with regards to the stated Goals above.

Exemptions

The City of Dayton Livable Streets Policy shall be in effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission. Surface transportation projects in the final stages of design or under construction at the time of adoption are exempt from this Policy.

Adopted by the City Plan Board, January 19, 2010, Case RC-002-2010

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