RESOLUTION NO. 1076 -2012, ESTABLISHING A “COMPLETE STREETS” POLICY

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking are important forms of transportation and recreation in Suffolk County, and walking and bicycling contribute to health, fitness, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street policy considers the needs of all users of our roadways of all ages and abilities including: pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation and school bus riders, motorists, movers of commercial goods, persons with disabilities, seniors, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works regularly utilizes the Complete Streets policies and design features on an informal basis; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this resolution shall formally adopt a Complete Streets Program and require the Suffolk County Department of Public Works to consider all modes of travel within its design projects; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works shall, in the planning stage of each project, evaluate the feasibility of implementing the Complete Streets design features which may include: sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, lane striping, bicycle lanes, share the road signs, crosswalks, road diets, pedestrian control signalization, bus pull outs, pedestrian curb ramps, and traffic calming measures; and recognize that the needs of users of the road network vary according to a rural, urban and suburban context; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that Complete Streets shall not apply if it has been determined the following exist: use by bicyclists and pedestrians is prohibited by law, such as within a limited access highway; or the cost would be disproportionate to the need or demonstrated lack of need as determined by factors such as, but not limited to: land use context, current and projected
traffic volumes, population density, or demonstrates lack of community support, or the use of these design features would have an adverse impact on, or be contrary to, public safety; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works shall not be required to expend monies that exceed the amount of County, State and Federal funding allocated for a particular project as identified in the County’s capital program; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: December 4, 2012

APPROVED BY:

[Signature]

Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 12-20-12
This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on December 4, 2012 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube
Clerk of the Legislature
Introductions.

Res. No. 1076
December 4, 2012

Motion:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D’Amaro, Spencer

Second:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D’Amaro, Spencer

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APPROVED ☑ FAILED ☐
No Motion ☑ No Second ☐

RESOLUTION DECLARED

☑ ADOPTED
☐ NOT ADOPTED

Roll Call ☑ Voice Vote ☑

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature