

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

CITY OF CHAMBLEE
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

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[CHAMBLEE, GA 30341]

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PURPOSE

A Complete Streets policy is one long-term strategy for improving transportation options and relieving congestion in Chamblee. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for considering the safety and convenience of all users of the public right of way when planning and constructing transportation projects. Users include motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, freight providers, people with disabilities, emergency responders and adjacent land users. The Complete Streets policy is intended to reflect the following principles:

- In seeking to balance the needs of various users, all modes may not be perfectly accommodated on every street. Some streets may emphasize certain modes over others, but as a whole the City's transportation system should consist of a network of streets and paths that provides connectivity for all users.
- Complete Streets design solutions should be flexible so that the transportation need can be met within the context of the surrounding community. Providing alternatives to vehicular travel supports the City's commitment to sustainability.

This policy reinforces the City's commitment to environmental, economic, and social stewardship. By incorporating environmental considerations into public use of resources, the City of Chamblee will positively impact human health and the environment, reduce costs and improve the environmental quality of the region.

DEFINITIONS

When used in this policy, the following words, terms and phrases, and their derivations shall be the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

AGENT means an official contracted or subcontracted person who is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Chamblee and represent their interests.

CITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR means the Development Director or other employee or agent as designated by the City Manager

CITY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS means the Director of Public Works or other employee or agent as designated in writing by the City Manager.

EMPLOYEE means an individual drawing a salary or wage from the City, whether on a full-time, part-time basis or contractual third-party. The term shall encompass all members of the City without regard to whether or not such individual is compensated.

LANDSCAPE PLAN means a plan that identifies areas of tree preservation and methods of tree protection within the protected zone, as well as all areas or replanting. Within replanting areas, the common and botanical names of the proposed species, the number of plants of each species, the size of all plants, the proposed location of all plants, and any unique features of the plant shall be indicated.

OFFICIAL means any elected or appointed person who holds office or serves in a position of public capacity.

SCOPE

The following establishes requirements for roadway construction and developments under the City of Chamblee's jurisdiction:

1. Roadway projects should provide appropriate accommodations for all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit riders, people with disabilities, senior citizens, motorists, freight providers, emergency responders, and adjacent land owners;
2. Roadway projects should make use of the latest and best design standards, policies, and guidelines;
3. Solutions should be developed to fit within the context(s) of the community and those solutions should be flexible so that the needs of the corridor can be met;
4. Where necessary, the City shall work with other agencies that maintain rights-of-way within the City limits to request the Complete Streets Policy is considered and practiced;
5. For resurfacing projects, the City will consider retrofitting bike lanes, provided that the additional cost is not excessively disproportionate to the cost of resurfacing alone.
6. Each City facility and property shall provide parking capacity for a minimum of three bicycles. Existing facilities shall be upgraded to meet this requirement by the end of fiscal year 2017. New facilities shall provide spaces upon completion of construction or control of the property by the City.

EXCEPTIONS

The City of Chamblee's policy to ensure there will be complete streets is not always practicable. The following situations are exceptions to the Complete Streets Policy:

1. Street resurfacing, except as noted in item 5 of the scope, and other ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g.: mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair, and regular/seasonal maintenance);
2. Roadways that bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using;
3. Incidences that have extreme topographic or natural resource constraints;
4. Cases where a reasonable and equivalent alternative already exists for certain users;
5. A documented absence of current or future need exists.

RESPONSIBILITY

As the steward of the City's sustainability program, the Development Director shall have the following duties and powers in regards to the Complete Streets Policy.

The City Public Works Director has primary enforcement responsibilities for this policy and is charged with the responsibility for approval of all City street and maintenance projects in the City of Chamblee required pursuant to this policy.

1. Work with all department heads to make certain that this Complete Streets Policy is implemented through the City's capital and maintenance programs and projects.
2. Work with all City Department Heads to make certain that employees are aware and educated about the Complete Streets Policy.