

Village of Crooksville, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2727

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENACTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE, OHIO

Whereas, “Complete Streets” are roadways designed to safely and comfortably accommodate all users, including, but not limited to, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, persons with mobility impairments and emergency responders; and

Whereas, “Complete Streets” reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

Whereas, “Complete Streets” support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

Whereas, the Village of Crooksville recognizes the importance of street infrastructure, improvements, crosswalks, shared-use paths, bicycle lanes, signage and accessible curb ramps that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users; and

Whereas, the Village of Crooksville has recently collaborated with the Perry County Health Department to develop and provide a recommended Complete Streets Policy for the Village; and

Whereas, Council for the Village of Crooksville now wants to approve, adopt, and enact a Complete Streets Policy for the purpose of supporting the aforementioned initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, that:

Section One. Council for the Village of Crooksville hereby approves, adopts, and enacts the “Village of Crooksville – Complete Streets Policy” as set forth in the document attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference.


Section Two. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and after the required number of readings and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the Village of Crooksville which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section Three. All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereto.

Section Four. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

1st Reading: August 21, 2023 ;
2nd Reading: September 4, 2023 ;
3rd Reading: September 18, 2023 .

Passed: September 18, 2023 .



Chris Mohler, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Courtney Edwards

Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

Posting Certification

This ordinance was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 19th day of September, 2023.

Courtney Edwards

Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

Village of Crooksville — Complete Streets Policy
Adopted: September 18, 2023

VISION

A Complete Streets Policy shall create an equitable, balanced and effective transportation system where every roadway user can travel safely and comfortably. Complete Streets shall strive to provide the best possible blend of service, mobility and safety for citizens of all ages, income levels and abilities.

DEFINITION

Complete Streets are roadways designed to safely and comfortably accommodate all users, including, but not limited to, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, persons with mobility impairments and emergency responders.

GOALS

- To create a comprehensive, integrated and connected transportation network that supports compact, sustainable development and provides livable communities.
- To make the roadway and street environment safer and more inviting by reducing the frequency and severity of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian-related crashes.
- To ensure safety, ease of use, and ease of transfer between modes, for all users of the transportation system.
- To provide flexibility for different types of streets, areas and users.
- The Village of Crooksville does not have zoning laws; should zoning laws be adopted hereafter, this Complete Streets policy will support and enhance any such zoning laws that may be adopted by the Village of Crooksville.

APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Complete Streets Policy applies to all Village of Crooksville projects within the public right of way, including any new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance or planning of roadways, trails and other transportation facilities including those that will use federal funds allocated through Buckeye Hills Regional Council. Transportation improvement phases include, but are not limited to; planning, programming, designing and engineering.

Review process - A checklist accompanying the policy was developed to guide project sponsors through the project definition, scoping, funding application and project design stages.

Appeals process - Project sponsors may request an exemption or re-review of their projects by the Appeals committee if they cannot reach an agreement with the Complete Streets Policy requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

Each project shall use the most appropriate design standards and procedures. All users should be considered during the entire life cycle of a project, including planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance.

For projects using Buckeye Hills Regional Council attributable federal funding, it will be necessary to meet or exceed standards and procedures acceptable to the Ohio and U.S.

Department of Transportation, such as the Ohio Department of Transportation's Project Development Process and Location & Design Manual.

A systems approach shall be used in developing roadway projects, especially to ensure coordination with nearby jurisdictions, projects, and plans irrespective of the project sponsor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Street furniture, such as bike racks or benches, should be considered as part of all projects if they do not impede any user.
- When designing a facility that includes or crosses an existing or future transit route, ensure that the appropriate pedestrian and wheelchair access is provided to and from the transit stops.
- Traffic-calming elements including, but not limited to, landscaping, street trees, and narrowing of lanes, should be considered where safe and appropriate.
- Project sponsors should consider including street trees and landscape components, with careful analysis of tree type, site, and design considerations.
- Special consideration should be given to future planned facilities or services.
- While this policy focuses on transportation, the Village of Crooksville should review its land use policies to provide for mixed land use developments and projects that provide direct non-vehicular connections within a given development.
- The Village of Crooksville should regularly update its project design standards and procedures to align with best practices and train its staff to adhere to them.

IMPLEMENTATION

Once approved and adopted the Complete Streets Policy will become part of the Village of Crooksville planning process and project selection for Buckeye Hills Regional Council attributable funding. The principles of this policy will also guide the Village of Crooksville in the preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan and other plans it prepares, or to which, it contributes.

EVALUATION

The Village of Crooksville shall, at a minimum, evaluate this policy and the documents associated with it on an annual basis. This evaluation may include recommendations for amendments to the Complete Streets Policy, including the development of exemption guidance.

DEFINITIONS

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan: A comprehensive plan and accompanying map(s) that identifies a vision and framework for pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements to implement a continuous and easily accessible walking and bicycle route network, within and through, the Village of Shawnee.

Complete Streets: Right-of-ways that are planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained in such a way as to enable safe, comfortable and convenient access, along and across, the right-of-way by users of all ages and abilities and modes of transportation.

Complete Streets Improvements: Facilities and amenities associated with the transportation network, that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, such as, but not limited to, pavements markings and signs; sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements such as medians,

curb extensions and crosswalks; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible curb ramps and bicycle access to transit stops and stations; bicycle detection at intersections and wide travel lanes, bike lanes, or shared use lanes; bicycle parking facilities; street trees, landscaping, street lighting, street furniture; and adequate drainage facilities, including opportunities for storm water quality treatment facilities.

Complete Streets Improvement Plan: A comprehensive plan and accompanying map(s) that identifies streets targeted for Complete Streets improvements throughout the Village of Crooksville.

Maintenance Activity: - Ordinary repair designed to keep facilities in safe working condition, such as, but not limited to; mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair, concrete joint repair, pothole filling, water, sewer and drainage or other utility installation or repairs.

Right-of-Way: An area, public or private, dedicated for use by pedestrians and vehicles. Right-of-way includes thoroughfares such as streets, highways, bike paths and walkways and normally incorporates curbs, lawn strips, street trees, sidewalks, lighting, signage, drainage facilities, street furniture and other similar features.

COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

The implementation of Complete Streets will require cooperation and collaboration between many stakeholders on a regular basis. Besides continuing the cooperation that has existed between the Village Administrator, Mayor, Council and any Village Planning committees, Parks and Recreation, Regional Planning, the Village of Crooksville should strive to reach out, when applicable, to:

- Business and Industry;
- Perry County Health Department;
- Bike Clubs — Bike Share Program;
- Perry County Transit;
- Crooksville Exempted Village School District;
- Harrison and Bearfield Township;
- Perry County Commissioners;
- Perry County Mobility Manager;
- Ohio Department of Transportation.

EXCEPTIONS

The Village of Crooksville, while being in favor of promoting Complete Streets, notes possible exceptions:

- Public safety is compromised;
- Where pedestrians and bicyclists are prohibited by law from using the facility. (In such an instance, alternative facilities and accommodations shall be considered within the same transportation corridor.);
- If the cost of constructing Complete Streets improvements, is disproportionate to the current need or anticipated future demand for such improvements;
- Where there is an absence of current or projected need;
- Historic preservation compromised by Complete Streets Policy;
- Complete Streets accommodations already exist on a nearby road;
- The improvement is a short distance and not continuous; and
- Unwanted or unnecessary based on public preference or engineering judgement.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

- Miles of bicycle lanes, routes, or trails built/dedicated by width and type;
- Number of bicycle parking facilities installed;
- Number of traffic calming facilities built/installed;
- Number of traffic control signs/signals installed/upgraded;
- Number of crosswalks built or improved;
- Number of ADA accommodations built/installed;
- Number of Transit accessibility improvement built;
- Number of street trees planted;
- Bicycle and pedestrian accident data;
- Linear feet of pedestrian accommodations built or repaired;
- User data bicycle, pedestrian, transit and traffic counts;
- Total dollar amount spent on Complete Streets improvements;
- Economic Growth Measure (where applicable).

APPENDIX A: ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As of 2023, the Village of Crooksville has:

- _____;
- _____;
- _____;
- _____;
- _____;

APPENDIX B: REFERENCE LIST FOR FUTHER READING

American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials

A Policy of Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (6th Edition, 2011)

Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (4th Edition, 2012)

Guide for the Planning, Design and Operations of Pedestrian Facilities

American Planning Association (APA)

Complete Streets: Best Policy and Implementation Practices (2012)

U.S. Traffic Calming Manual (2009)

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

PEDSAFE: Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasures Selection System

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A context sensitive approach

National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)

Urban Bikeway Design Guide 2014 & Urban Street Design Guide 2013

U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

Accessible Right-of-Way: Design Guide

Policy modeled from Policy written by Perry County Health Department, Perry County Mobility Management — MORPC model 2018, revised 2023

APPROVAL FOR ADOPTION BY THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE

This 18th day of September, 2023

Mayor: [Signature] 9/18/2023
Date

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7.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>9/18-23</u>
8.	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Fiscal Officer</u>	<u>9/18/23</u>

