

1 **2022 Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Transportation and Public Works**  
3 **Resolution #1**

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5 **Resolution Urging All Counties to Adopt Policies that Include More Local**  
6 **Transportation Projects for Consideration of Complete Streets Design**

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Act (Chapter 398, Laws of 2011) requires state,  
9 county, and other municipalities to consider the convenience and mobility of all users  
10 when developing transportation projects that receive state and federal funding; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, a Complete Street is a roadway planned and designed to enhance safe and  
13 convenient access and mobility of all roadway users of all ages and abilities (children,  
14 the elderly, and persons with disabilities) including for pedestrians, bicyclists, public  
15 transportation riders, and motorists; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Complete Street roadway design features include sidewalks, lane striping,  
18 bicycle lanes, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, signage, crosswalks,  
19 pedestrian control signals, bus pull-outs, curb cuts, raised crosswalks, ramps and traffic  
20 calming measures; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the law applies to projects that are undertaken by New York State  
23 Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), or local projects that receive both federal and  
24 state funding and are subject to NYSDOT oversight; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, designated Complete Streets contribute to a cleaner, greener  
27 transportation system and more citizens will achieve the health benefits associated with  
28 active forms of transportation while traffic congestion and auto related air pollution will  
29 be reduced; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, projects that are 100 percent locally funded are not subject to the law, but  
32 local municipalities can choose to adopt Complete Streets practices, and many counties  
33 have adopted resolutions that establish Complete Street policies that go beyond the state  
34 Complete Streets Act.

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
37 Counties (NYSAC) supports the adoption of Complete Street policies by all counties in  
38 New York that seek to promote the consideration of design and adoption of Complete  
39 Street features as part of roadway construction or reconstruction projects that go  
40 beyond the current state mandated review where feasible and affordable, recognizing  
41 the limited practicality of such features characterized by the rural designations of many  
42 highways in the state; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such county policies present an opportunity to  
45 expand on existing program requirements and for collaboration with bicyclists,  
46 pedestrians, people with disabilities and others to identify best practices and designs for  
47 local transportation facilities; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
2 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
5 the Governor of the State of New York, the New York Legislature and all others deemed  
6 necessary and proper.