

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, ("THE GOVERNING BODY") OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI ("THE CITY"), AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead commits to a Complete Streets Policy which has the following elements set forth herein below and will apply to the scoping, design, and construction of projects; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for improved health, reduced traffic congestion, a more livable community, and more efficient use of road space and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets guiding principle is to design, operate and maintain streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users, including residents who do not or cannot drive, such access to include sidewalks, bicycle paths, multi-use paths, vehicle lanes and freight lanes; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted Complete Streets legislation including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Tennessee, communities in Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, as well as the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City will implement the Complete Streets policy by designing, operating and maintaining the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, cars, transit and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the number of cost-effective improvements to existing roads that can increase access and safety, including crosswalks, bicycle lanes, signage, bulb outs, on-street parking, adding trees, and changing the signalization of traffic lights; and

WHEREAS, the City will implement policies and procedures with the construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities to support the creation of Complete Streets including capital improvements, re-channelization projects and major maintenance, recognizing that all streets are different and in each case user needs must be balanced:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City of Diamondhead will plan for, design and construct all new City transportation improvement projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, as provided in the Complete Streets Policy adopted September 2015 by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization (Attached hereto as Exhibit "A").

That the City of Diamondhead hereby adopts fully the Complete Streets Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

That the City of Diamondhead recognizes the importance of sidewalks and bicycle paths and will incorporate the Complete Streets principles as funding becomes available.

That Complete Streets principles will not apply where extraordinary circumstances exist, such as:

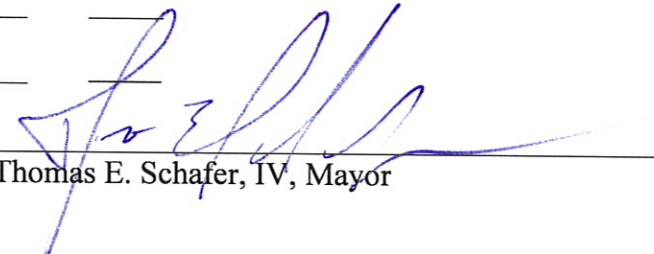
1. During ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as chip seal, or interim measures on detour or haul routes);
2. Where the City Council issues a documented exception concluding that application of Complete Streets principles is inappropriate because it would be contrary to public benefits or safety;
3. Where other parallel accommodation exists; or
4. Where there is a demonstrated absence of present and future need.

That the City of Diamondhead recognizes that Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the City Council's intent that all potential sources of transportation funding be considered to implement Complete Streets. Maximum financial flexibility is important to implement Complete Streets principles.

SO BE IT RESOLVED this 20th day of December, 2016.

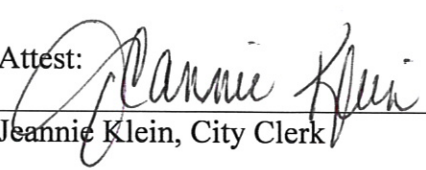
The above and foregoing Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Diamondhead, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember Knobloch, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, and the matter being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Woolbright	✓	___	___
Councilmember Knobloch	✓	___	___
Councilmember Sislow	✓	___	___
Councilmember Rech	✓	___	___
Councilmember Depreo	✓	___	___
Mayor Schafer	✓	___	___



Thomas E. Schafer, IV, Mayor

Attest:



Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

