

**CITY OF LARKSPUR
RESOLUTION No. 02/15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARKSPUR
AMENDING THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE
GENERAL PLAN TO INCLUDE COMPLETE STREETS POLICIES**

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1990 the City Council approved Resolution No. 75/90 approving an update of the City's General Plan;

WHEREAS, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families;

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the benefits and value for the public health and welfare of reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing transportation by walking, bicycling, and public transportation;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the planning and coordinated development of Complete Streets infrastructure provides benefits for local governments in the areas of infrastructure cost savings; public health; and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, the State of California has emphasized the importance of Complete Streets by enacting the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 (also known as AB 1358), which requires cities and counties to identify how they will provide for the mobility needs of all users of the roadways upon revision of general plans;

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2013, the Larkspur City Council adopted Resolution No. 6/13, stating the City's commitment to incorporate Complete Streets elements into each capital project and development project in the City of Larkspur (with discrete exceptions as enumerated in the Resolutions) and restating the City's intent to amend the Circulation Element of the General Plan to comply with AB 1358;

WHEREAS, incorporation of the Complete Streets Policy into the Larkspur General Plan will enable the City to apply for certain transportation grants and funding programs;

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2014 the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to review the draft General Plan Amendments, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard, and adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 03/14 recommending City Council adoption of the draft General Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the proposed General Plan Amendments at a duly noticed public hearing on January 7, 2015, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARKSPUR DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitations are true and correct.

Section 2. Findings. The City Council, in adopting the General Plan amendments, makes the following findings:

1. Amending the General Plan to incorporate Complete Streets policies is deemed to be in the public interest. The General Plan will comply California Complete Streets Act of 2008 (also known as AB 1358) to provide a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, seniors, children, youth, and families.
2. The proposed General Plan amendments are complementary to and consistent and compatible with the rest of the General Plan, including Circulation Element Goals as follows: Goal 1, to regard quality of life in Larkspur as more important than mobility of traffic; Goal 2, to provide safe and efficient local-serving transportation facilities and services for the movement of people and goods; Goal 5, to encourage attractive alternatives to the use of single-occupant automobiles; Goal 6, to increase transit service in Larkspur; Goal 9, to reduce transportation-related sources of air pollution; Goal 12, to reduce the need for long distance and/or frequent shopping travel by private automobile; Goal 14, to reduce the number and severity of transportation-related accidents.
3. The proposed General Plan amendments are intended to provide a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all street users in the City of Larkspur. Therefore, the amendments have been determined not to be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.
4. The proposed amendments have been considered during duly noticed public hearings to receive and consider public testimony and have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Section 3. Environmental Clearance. Adoption of the General Plan "Complete Streets" amendments is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because adoption of the amendments is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and this project does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The amendments are necessary to conform the Circulation Element of the General Plan to state law and to the City's Complete Streets Policy, Resolution No. 06/13; the amendments themselves does not state new policy for the City; and it is not reasonably foreseeable what specific projects would be proposed, so there can be no reasonable examination of environmental impacts. Further, all specific projects subject to Complete Streets policies will be subject to their own CEQA review to determine potential impacts and effects on the environment.

Section 4. Approval. The City Council of the City of Larkspur approves the amendments to the Circulation Element of the 1990 Larkspur General Plan as outlined below:

1. Page 82, Circulation Element, Circulation Goals, Policies, and Programs: Amend the narrative description of Goals 1-4 by adding the underlined language as follows:

The circulation system in Larkspur needs to grow and change with the community. Transportation facilities and services need to respond to changes in the community so

long as the circulation changes do not adversely affect the quality of life in the city. In other words, while almost any traffic problem can be solved, some solutions can create conditions detrimental to other important aspects of the quality of life. Therefore, it is important to emphasize that the City's priorities lean toward quality of life where implementation of transportation facilities and services is concerned. It also will be important to make the circulation system as useful and safe as possible, and to have a coordinated program of implementing improvements. The City of Larkspur is committed to creating and maintaining Complete Streets that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient travel along and across streets (including streets, roads, highways, bridges, and other portions of the transportation system) through a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that serves all street users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, emergency vehicles and personnel, seniors, children, youth, and families.

2. Page 83, Circulation Element, Circulation Goals, Policies, and Programs, Policy a: Amend Policy a to add the underlined language as follows:

Policy a: Develop a coordinated system of roads, bike paths, foot paths, public transit, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs. Provide 'Complete Streets' that are safe, comfortable, and convenient routes for walking, bicycling, and public transportation to increase use of these modes of transportation, enable active travel as part of daily activities, reduce pollution, and meet the needs of all users of the streets for safe and convenient travel, consistent with the other goals, objectives, and policies of this plan and the City's Complete Streets Policy (Resolution No. 6/13). Street users include pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transportation, emergency vehicles and personnel, seniors, children, youth, and families.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Larkspur duly introduced and regularly adopted the foregoing resolution at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of January, 2015, by the following vote, to-wit:

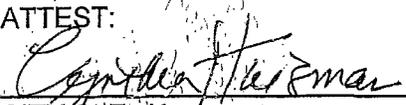
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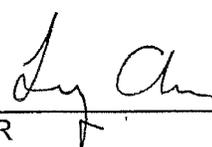
NOES: COUNCILMEMBER: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER: None

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR