## City of Stillwater Washington County, Minnesota

## **RESOLUTION 2021-038**

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF STILLWATER

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater strives to be a livable city, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater recognizes that livability includes safely moving people and goods along all public right-of-ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater recognizes that children and seniors are especially vulnerable to pedestrian and bicycling crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater recognizes that Complete Streets are designed and constructed for all users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater recognizes that Complete Streets enhance business opportunities by encouraging customer traffic, strengthening communities, and creating safe access to destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater recognizes that Complete Streets increase public health by encouraging exercise and providing convenient walking and bicycling options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater Comprehensive Plan supports Complete Streets by prioritizing sidewalk improvements, on-street bicycle route improvements, and safer connections between pedestrian and bicycle networks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater is guided by Complete Streets and supports greater implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater is participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program, which provides cost-effective best practices for transportation options that improves air quality and reduces Stillwater's contribution to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Legislature has enacted a Complete Streets statute, which encourages cities to adopt Complete Streets policies that reflect local goals; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Stillwater City Council supports the adoption of a Complete Streets policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council intends for Complete Streets to be achieved throughout the City of Stillwater project by project, where practical and feasible, consistently drawing on all possible funding sources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council will consider adoption of a timeframe for development of a Complete Streets Policy during their 2021 annual strategic planning session this summer.

Adopted by the Stillwater City Council this 16th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF STILLWATER

Ted Kozlowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Wolf, Ci