

**CITY OF AIRWAY HEIGHTS  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE C-720**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
AIRWAY HEIGHTS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CERTAIN  
SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 14.09 TRANSPORTATION  
CONCURRENCY AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 14.10,  
COMPLETE STREETS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS  
PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.**

*WHEREAS*, the City Council adopted Resolution 2010-013 instructing staff to identify relevant elements within the City’s existing plans, regulations and operational standards that support the implementation of “Complete Streets” within the City; and identify the gaps and opportunities to supplement and fund said plans, regulations and standards in order to achieve the implementation of “Complete Streets” throughout the City; and

*WHEREAS*, the City has stated goals in the Comprehensive Plan to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use as safe, convenient and widely available modes of transportation for all people; 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, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all abilities, as well as freight and motor vehicle drivers; and

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

*WHEREAS*, transportation improvements will include an array of facilities and amenities that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, including street and sidewalk lighting; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements for freight; access improvements, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; public transit facilities accommodation including, but not limited to pedestrian access improvement to transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities; and

*WHEREAS*, the City will implement policies and procedures with the Construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities on arterial streets

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, ; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, THE City of Airway Heights City Council ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** Amendment. Section 14.09.030 of the Airway Heights Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**14.09.030 Purpose and intent.**

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth standards by establishing a transportation concurrency system to ensure that transportation facilities needed are designed to be safe for drivers; bicyclists; transit vehicles and users; and pedestrians of all ages and abilities assuring that the minimum level of service standards are in place at the time of development or within six years as required by the Growth Management Act. The intent of this chapter is to implement the goals, policies, and implementing programs of the City of Airway Heights Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 2.** New Chapter. Chapter 14.10 entitled “Complete Streets” consisting of 6 sections is hereby added to the AHMC as follows:

**Section 3.** New Section. 14.10.010 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to help achieve the goals and objectives of the Transportation, Land Use and Parks and Recreation elements of the City of Airway Heights Comprehensive Plan. This Title provides for the implementation of Complete Streets guiding principles.

**Section 4.** New Section. 14.10.020 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.020 Complete Streets Definition.**

A Complete Street is a road that is designed to be safe for drivers; bicyclists; transit vehicles and users; and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. The complete streets concept focuses not just on individual roads but on changing the decision-making process so that all users are routinely considered during the planning, designing, building and operating of all roadways.

**Section 5.** New Section. 14.10.030 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.030 Implementation of Complete Streets Principles**

The City of Airway Heights will incorporate Complete Streets Principles into the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Public Works Standards, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Traffic Circulation Plan and other plans, manuals, rules regulations and programs as appropriate.

**Section 6.**     **New Section.** 14.10.040 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.040     **Freight Considerations****

Because freight is important to the basic economy of the City and has unique right-of-way needs to support that role, freight will be the major priority on streets classified as Major Truck Streets. Complete Street improvements that are consistent with freight mobility but also support other modes may be considered on these streets.

**Section 7.**     **New Section** 14.10.050 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.050     **Extraordinary Circumstances****

Except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, Complete Streets principles may not apply to the following.

- A. Repairs made pursuant to Pavement Opening and Restoration allowed by approval of the Public Works Director.
- B. 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).
- C. Where the Director of Public Works issues a documented exception concluding that application of Complete Street principles is unnecessary or inappropriate because it would be contrary to public safety.

**Section 8.**     **New Section** 14.10.060 is hereby added to read as follows:

**14.10.060     **Funding for Complete Streets****

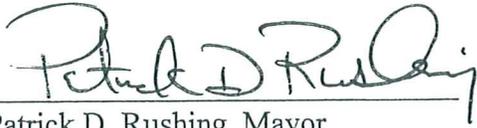
Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the City's intent that all sources of transportation funding be drawn upon to implement Complete Streets. The City believes that maximum financial flexibility is important to implement Complete Streets principles.

**Section 9.**     **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 10.**   **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

**INTRODUCED** the 20th day of September 2010.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Airway Heights this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.



Patrick D. Rushing, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Richard G. Cook, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Stanley M. Schwartz, City Attorney

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