

Definitions

Street – A public place within the city which includes, but is not limited to, roadways, sidewalks, transit lanes, bike lanes, shared-use paths, pedestrian crossings and signals, signage, furnishings, and transit stops.

Street Network – System of streets which provides for the interconnection of the various parts of the city.

Vision

All people using our street network, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit passengers of all ages and abilities, freight carriers, emergency responders and adjacent land owners, will experience a visually attractive and functional environment while utilizing the streets in a safe and convenient manner within the City of Mansfield.

Purpose

Our streets are a fundamental part of the City of Mansfield. They play a major role in the social and economic health of the community by providing the primary physical link between citizens, businesses and institutions in our city. Although facilitating the movement of motor vehicles will continue to be a vital task of the street network, it is increasingly important to recognize that alternative methods of transportation play an integral role in moving people and goods in and through the City of Mansfield. It is equally important to recognize an expanded vision for the function of our streets as a place in the city and not simply a corridor through it. The purpose of this Policy is to promote the design of a street network that balances the accessibility needs of all current and future users of the streets, while incorporating community values and qualities of environmental stewardship; scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resource preservation; safety; security; mobility and individual freedom.

Goals

1. Ensure that the needs of all users are balanced throughout the street network to the greatest reasonable measure.
2. Incorporate the vision, purpose, and goals of this Policy into all aspects of the project development process for street projects.
3. Create a balanced, comprehensive, integrated, fully interconnected, functional, and visually attractive street network.
4. Promote the use of up-to-date best practices for “complete streets” design standards, principles, policies, and guidelines, within the context of the community, referencing nationally recognized information sources such as, for example, the most current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide to the Development of Bicycle Facilities. (Note: This is the policy manual adopted

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was 'traveling safely and conveniently on and across all roadways'

was 'transportation'

was 'additional'

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was 'corridor' i think it is important to use a consistent terminology.

was 'transportation network'

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was 'surface transportation'

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for use by ODOT).

5. Ensure that there is an authentic system of performance measurements in place, to gauge and ensure the ongoing success of this Policy, with regards to the goals stated herein.

Directives

The city of Mansfield's **street** network shall balance the needs of all users. All street projects, including design, planning, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, or operations by the City of Mansfield shall be designed and executed in a balanced, responsible and equitable way to accommodate and encourage travel by bicyclists, public transportation users, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Project identification, planning, scoping, and design for new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance within the public right-of-way shall adhere to the following:

1. Accommodations for all users of the **street** network shall be balanced in accordance with the most current "complete streets" standards, principles, policies and guidelines, as stated in reference publications such as the most current AASHTO Guide, except under one or more of the following conditions as determined by the director of an affected department:
 - a. Where bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the roadway (federal interstate highways, for example);
 - b. Where the safety of vehicular, pedestrian or bicycle traffic may be placed at unacceptable risk;
 - c. Where the cost of providing such accommodations would exceed 20% of total costs of a project or be disproportionate given the need or probable current or future use of the particular highway, road, street, way, avenue, boulevard or lane;
 - d. During ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep roads in serviceable conditions, such as mowing, cleaning, sweeping, and surface treatments;
 - e. Where there are significant impacts to natural, topographical, cultural or historic resources that cannot be reasonably mitigated;
 - f. Where conditions or restrictions outside the purview of the City of Mansfield prohibit such actions.
2. Each written exception with accompanying documentation shall become a public record and shall be published electronically or online at the official website of the city, and shall be on file and at the office of the department making the determination.
3. Where accommodations for all users cannot be made, a reasonable documented effort shall be made by *xxxxx* to identify adjacent alternative routes and/or methods of travel to provide a safe, reliable, integrated and interconnected **street network**. These recommendations shall be stated in writing and shall be available as part of the review process, prior to approval of any **street** project, and will be placed on file and will be available for public inspection at the office of the city clerk.

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remove 'surface' replace 'transportation' with street

was 'transportation'

was 'Roadways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, transit stops and facilities, and all connecting pathways'

was 'travel safely, reliably, and independently'

4. **Streets** shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in adherence with guidelines set forth in nationally recognized policy manuals such as the most current AASHTO Policy handbook, so that all users of our city's streets can be accommodated in a safe, reliable, and independent manner.

5. The implementation of this policy shall reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments, and shall enhance the appearance of such.

was 'transportation infrastructure'

6. The design and development of **streets** shall be in accordance with all city of Mansfield ordinances, codes, plans, policies and guidelines, where appropriate.

7. A system of performance measurements shall be established and overseen by *xxxxx*, to gauge the success of this Policy, with regards to the goals stated herein.

Exemptions

The City of Mansfield Complete Streets Policy shall be in effect immediately upon adoption by Mansfield City Council. **Street** projects in the final stages of design or under construction at the time of adoption are exempt from this policy.

was 'Surface transportation'