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ORLEANS TRANSPORTATION AND BIKEWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE

The Orleans Transportation and Bikeways Advisory Committee provides a review and clearing house for all issues relating to the safety of the roadways and multi-modal pathways in the Town of Orleans.

The Committee will uphold the Town of Orleans Complete Streets Policy and adhere to its implementation goal which states that "the Town will make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, shall approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and shall work in coordination with other departments, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets". The committee will accomplish this by coordinating suggested transportation-related actions with the Departments of Public Works, Planning, Police and Fire and Rescue, and regional agencies including the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and the Cape Cod Commission.

The Committee will be comprised of 11 regular members and 1 associate member appointed by the Select Board, including the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, and Community Development Director.

The Committee will hold meetings at least once a month and focus on the following activities:

1. Consider all aspects of vehicular and pedestrian safety and traffic in the Town and make timely recommendations to the Select Board. Specific issues of concern include, but are not limited to: (1) traffic control signal lights, signs and pavement markings; (2) roadway site distances, visibility and street lighting; (3) off highway vehicular access including property entrances, exits and curb cuts; (4) design and maintenance of roads on private property whereon access of emergency vehicles might be necessary; (5) roadway and parking safety; (6) enhancement of bicyclists' and pedestrian safety by routing, crosswalk marking and warning signs; (7) optimization of travel times and delays; and (8) enhancement of public transportation and alternative transportation effectiveness.
2. Preserve, promote and enhance the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, noting that seasonal and year-round cycling and pedestrian activities are important means of local transportation and popular activities; promote safety education and outreach to the community; provide recommendations regarding future bikeroles.
3. Propose initiatives for improved "off-road" walkways for pedestrians and more consistent road shoulder room for cyclists; Identify "priority roads" requiring most critical need for improved pedestrian and cyclist safety; Understand Town's rights/constraints to land immediately adjacent to priority roads.

4. Evaluate existing sidewalks and recommend an appropriate maintenance program to the responsible town department; evaluate state of road and bikeway signage and make related recommendations.
5. The Committee may make specific written recommendations to the Planning Board and/or other committees as required, which have the potential of impacting the flow of traffic and/or the safety of the general public. The Committee will make written recommendations to the Board of Selectmen through the Town Administrator and Board of Appeals on issues reviewed.
6. Ensure new construction roadway, bikeway and walkway projects are designed consistent with Town policies, including Complete Streets.
7. Evaluate multi-modal infrastructure to meet safety standards and current and anticipated community needs as well as ADA and MAAB requirements.
8. Review requests from citizens for traffic control signs, including parking and no parking requests.

The Committee will submit minutes of meetings to the Town Clerk within 30 days of each meeting.

Date Approved: June 8, 2022

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