RESOLUTION No. 6016

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the City's adoption of the Complete Streets Program

**WHEREAS**, the City of Everett Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan recognizes the need for a balanced, affordable, reliable, convenient and efficient transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, a balanced transportation plan takes into account multiple modes of travel including personal vehicles, transit, ridesharing, bicycles and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, "Complete Streets" is a nationally recognized program promoting policies intended to accommodate and enable safe access for all right of way users and further promoting the safe movement along and across street corridors for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders of all ages and varying abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of improvements consistent with Complete Street principles encourage and facilitate the use of alternative transportation methods resulting in a cleaner environment and a reduced dependence on fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, policy principles of the Complete Streets program have been incorporated into the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan as follows:

- The Principles and Policy section of the Transportation Element identifies the objective of expanding multi-modal travel opportunities; and
- The Transportation Element encourages walking, bicycling and transit use as safe, convenient and widely available modes of transportation; and
- The Transportation Element plans for a comprehensive, integrated and connected network; and
- The Transportation Element identifies the need for, and provides, an integrated pedestrian and bicycle plan including trails, bike lanes and sidewalks to provide a non-motorized option for accessing transit facilities and for accessing local activity areas directly without driving a vehicle; and
- The Transportation Element directs that the City integrate the planning of sidewalks, walkways, bicycle facilities and trails into overall transportation planning, programming and construction activities; and

- The Transportation Element directs the development and use of appropriate design standards and procedures with a greater emphasis on minimizing person-travel delay, public safety, barrier-free pedestrian oriented accessibility, while assuring the continued movement of goods; and

**WHEREAS**, Everett's Transportation Element is consistent with the Complete Streets guiding principle to design, operate and maintain Everett's streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, people of various abilities, as well as freight and motor vehicle drivers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERETT THAT:**

The Everett City Council finds that Complete Streets program principles have been incorporated into the City's adopted Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan and, consistent with this, the City will plan, design, maintain and operate the City's transportation system consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan with regard to fulfilling the incorporated Complete Street policy goals.

**COUNCILMEMBER INTRODUCING RESOLUTION** _____

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS** 7th **DAY OF** May**, 2008.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**