

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Village's New Complete Streets Policy Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. May 4, 2016 – An ordinance amending article 6 (Requirements for design and construction of streets and related facilities of the Village of Richton Park subdivision) ordinance was passed and signed last month, for a "Complete Streets Policy."

Within this ordinance, the new proclamation states that the Village of Richton Park desires to provide connectivity to local businesses, school, churches, public facilities and transportation centers throughout our community. The Village wishes to provide its residents with transportation options that provide safe access to local destinations and to create a comprehensive, integrated and connected network of transportation options for all modes of travel, designed and operated to ensure sufficient, appropriate and safe access for all users.

Richton Park also desires to expand its transportation network to accommodate all means of travel, resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved community health and enhanced quality of life. The Village seeks to create linkages between all environments within the community, including residential, commercial, transportation centers and public spaces, and to provide regional connections to other communities.

Through the creation of a complete streets policy, the Village endeavors to reduce safety concerns for traditional and non-traditional modes of transportation and encourage means of travel other than vehicular use.

A "Complete Streets Policy will further enhance the goals and objectives of the Village's current comprehensive and economic development plans, including but not limited to its: Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Town Center Transit-Oriented Development Plan; Capital Improvement Plan; Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan; Village Strategic Plan; and the future multi-modal transportation plan.

In this, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that a "Complete Streets Policy will help to advance the Village's long and short-term economic development goals.

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