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Complete Streets Resolution Passes in the City of Norway

Norway, Michigan, June 5, 2012 – Communities across the country are recognizing the importance and safety of complete streets in their neighborhoods. The Norway City Council adopted a Complete Streets Resolution Monday night May 21st and has joined a national movement to make streets safer for all its users.

Complete Streets promotes design principles that result in safe, accessible, and convenient access along and across roadways for all types of transportation users – including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

The resolution is nonbinding and encourages local transportation planners to consider pedestrians and bicyclists when planning and implementing transportation projects. The resolution also highlights that an investment in Complete Streets can offer long term cost savings and result in many community benefits. Complete Streets can help make a community more sustainable, livable and economically viable by sparking economic development, improving public health and reducing air and water pollution.

The Complete Streets resolution “signifies that local decision-makers are thinking innovatively about how to transform the community into a more vibrant and welcoming place,” says Ray Anderson, Norway City Manager.

The Building Healthy Communities Coalition (BHCC), a diverse group of advocates, non-profits, private and government agencies support and advocate for accessibility and active living policies and programs throughout Dickinson County. The BHCC is currently working with the City of Norway on Complete Streets initiatives and trail development within the community. The Coalition advocates for Complete Streets to support the vision of creating a healthy Dickinson County that provides safe and inviting public spaces where people of all ages and abilities can easily integrate fun, physical activity into their everyday life. To learn more about Michigan Complete Streets, please visit www.michigancompletestreets.org. To learn more about the BHCC, please contact Kelly Rumpf at the Health Department at 779-7234.

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