

GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution 20-16 Accepting the Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 8775

WHEREAS,

1. The *FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program* includes Task 8775, Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan, for the purpose of developing a safe and equitable bicycle and pedestrian network in the Village, while positively impacting residents' health and economic development opportunities;
2. Said Task inventoried existing and planned conditions including characteristics of the current bicycle and pedestrian network; reviewed existing planning documents and zoning regulations; reviewed roadway conditions, crash data, road classifications, and characteristics; developed a detailed and comprehensive needs assessment; and developed a Plan that includes alternatives, recommendations and general cost estimates for all recommendations;
3. Said Task has been completed and has resulted in the *Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan*; and
4. Said Plan has been reviewed by GTC staff and member agencies through the GTC committee process and has been found to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Genesee Transportation Council hereby accepts the Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan Executive Summary as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 8775; and
2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Genesee Transportation Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Genesee Transportation Council held on June 11, 2020.

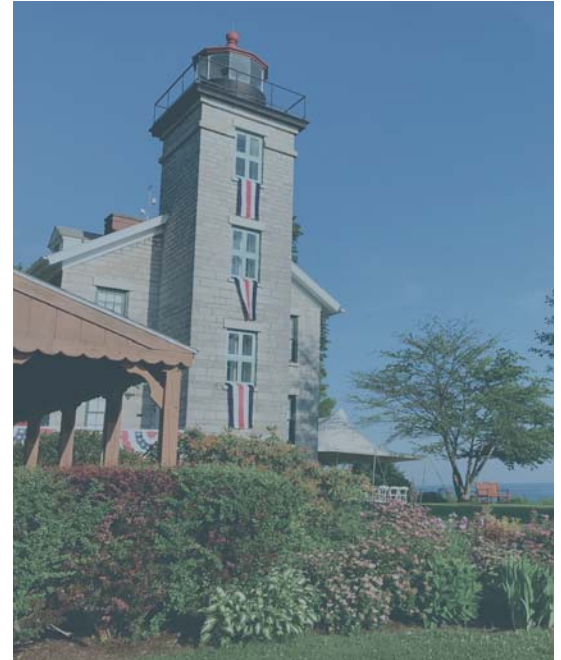
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Village of Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan

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Executive Summary

The Village of Sodus Point's Active Transportation Plan is a planning document that identifies strategies to improve the quality of walking and biking in the Village through physical infrastructure. The Plan looks at the characteristics of existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, identifies needs and opportunities for improved facilities, and establishes design guidance for recommended facilities. In addition, the Village recognizes the importance of programmatic outreach and education opportunities for residents that may lead to increased levels of active transportation in the Village.

Given the auto-centric nature of roads in the Village, much like the rest of the country, it is crucial to take time to consider the circulation of pedestrians and bicyclists and how they interact with the vehicular transportation system. This in-depth analysis of the non-motorized transportation options in Sodus Point will help improve public awareness of the benefits and issues of active transportation, reduce conflicts between motorists and non-motorists, and increase road safety in the Village. This plan will guide the Village in development and maintenance of active transportation infrastructure, and the incorporation of such into capital improvement projects such as road and sidewalk development and repair.

The purpose of this study is to look beyond one-off, isolated improvement projects, and develop a strategic plan for creating improvements that build off each other and create a cohesive active transportation network. The result will be a Village-wide network that allows residents and visitors to access all major points of destination in a safe and efficient manner while reducing vehicle-dependency. The following sections are included in this Plan:

Introduction & Summary

This section sets the context and background for why an Active Transportation Plan is necessary for Sodus Point, and how the Village can stand to benefit from addressing active transportation in their community. The public participation that occurred as a part of this planning process is also summarized in this section, as

well as the existing plans that help set the stage for this Active Transportation Plan.

Existing Conditions

This section takes a comprehensive look at the existing active transportation facilities in the Village, as well as many community characteristics that can either help support or detract from the active transportation user's experience. This includes a demographic analysis; an inventory of sidewalks, trails, and shoulders; a safety analysis; and the results of a community assessment offered to residents regarding active transportation behaviors and attitudes. In addition, a bicycle and pedestrian level of service (LOS) model was run on a select network of streets in Sodus Point to determine the existing suitability of these roads for pedestrians and bicyclists. A time-lapse camera analysis is also included, which studies the frequency and direction of pedestrian and bicycle crossings at three key intersections in the Village.

Alternatives Toolkit

This section presents a multitude of strategies and facilities that the Village could consider to enhance the active transportation environment in Sodus Point. These are broken down into three categories: on-street alternatives, off-street alternatives, and policy and programs. Each strategy has a short description, an example photo, and anticipated effects to specified user groups and the environment.





Facility Recommendations

This section utilizes the strategies listed in the alternatives toolkit to develop recommendations for the Village regarding active transportation improvements. The recommendations in this section are broken into four categories: on-street recommendations, off-street recommendations, policy and program recommendations, and priority intersection recommendations.

Facility Design Guidance

This section is a valuable ongoing resource for the Village of Sodus point as new bicycle and pedestrian facilities are constructed, including many of those identified in the Plan. Based on relevant Federal and State of New York sources and standards, the Plan’s design guidance covers many established and emerging facility types including sidewalks, curb ramps, bike lanes, Shared Lane Markings, bike boulevards, midblock crossings, and shared use paths.

Zoning & Development Regulations Assessment

The policies and regulations contained within the Village Code have significant ramifications for the design and functionality of the Village's physical environment, including the transportation network. This section contains an analysis of the Village Code to help determine how the existing code either facilitates or hinders active transportation activity.

Outreach & Education Recommendations

Conducting outreach and education programs is another important aspect of the active transportation planning process. The Plan’s associated recommendations seek to increase the number of bicyclists and pedestrians while improving safe and appropriate behavior by bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians. One highlight of this section is a focus on connecting with local and regional partners to maximize the effectiveness of existing resources, programs, and materials.



Funding & Implementation Strategy

The Active Transportation Plan includes recommendations for ongoing strategies to pursue relevant funding resources, both traditional and innovative, that are available to the Village as they seek to implement this Plan. Each of these resources is described, including federal, state, regional, and private sector resources that provide grants for both facilities and programs.

Follow On Activities

The final report highlights a wide range of needed improvements that were identified by residents during the planning process. However, there are follow on activities that were not included within the plan's original scope/budget. The Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan does not identify all of the specifics required to construct every recommended project. These follow on activities can be addressed by the Village and/or stakeholders on an ongoing basis as implementation takes shape.

