

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2010-054

*Endorsement and Support of a Complete Streets Policy
to provide for safe and convenient access for all users of arterial streets*

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for cleaner air, greater health of the population, reduced traffic congestion, more livable communities, less reliance on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources and more efficient use of road space and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan calls for the planning and development of safe and environmentally friendly transportation as well as emphasizing transportation choices; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001 crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians represented thirteen (13%) percent of the traffic fatalities in South Carolina and in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is strongly committed to improving travel conditions and travel choices for people of all abilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) calls for the mainstreaming of bicycle and pedestrian projects into the planning, design and operation of our nation's transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs are eligible for funding from almost all of the major Federal-aid funding programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia affirms that bicycling and walking accommodations should be an integral part of planning, design, construction and operating activities, and will be included in the everyday operations of our transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia endorses the Complete Streets policy by encouraging the design, operation and maintenance of the transportation network to promote safe and convenient access for all users in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia endorses policies and procedures with the construction, reconstruction or other changes of transportation facilities on arterial streets to support the creation of Complete Streets including capital improvements, re-channelization projects and major maintenance, recognizing that all streets are different and in each case user needs must be balanced; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 21st day of July, 2010 the City endorses and supports the Complete Streets policy as follows:

1. City staff shall revise established regulations, policies, and operating practices, as deemed appropriate and feasible, so that transportation systems are planned, designed, constructed and operated to make bicycling and pedestrian movements an integral part of the City's transportation planning and programming while promoting safe operations for all users; and

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- 2. City staff shall plan for, design, construct and operate all City transportation improvement projects, unless a construction contract has been executed prior to the date of this Resolution, to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, as deemed appropriate and feasible; and
- 3. City staff shall immediately incorporate the "Complete Streets Concepts" into the neighborhood master planning and implementation process; and
- 4. The Public Works, Planning and Development Services Departments shall begin implementing the "Complete Streets Concept" process and procedure changes in all other transportation projects as soon as administratively possible after adoption of this Resolution.
- 5. The Public Works, Utilities, Engineering, Construction Management, Planning and Development Services Departments, in consultation with the relevant affected parties, shall prepare draft regulations to implement the "Complete Street Concept" for consideration by Columbia City Council within the next 12 months after adoption of this Resolution.

Requested by:

Community Development
as proposed by:
BikeColumbia Task Force



MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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