

Complete Streets Resolution

In communities across the country, a movement is growing to ***complete the streets***. States, cities and towns are asking their planners, engineers and designers to build road networks that welcome all citizens.

COMPLETE STREETS are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street.

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in its February 24, 1999 Policy statement, "Guidance on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions of the Federal-Aid Program," urges states to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations routinely in their programmed highway projects; and

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

WHEREAS, the recently signed federal transportation bill (SAFETEA - LU) calls for the mainstreaming of bicycle and pedestrian projects into the planning, design and operation of our Nation's transportation system;

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency has approved a regional transportation investment policy that requires routine bicycle and pedestrian accommodation in all federal aid highway projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians represented nearly 13 percent of the traffic fatalities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is strongly committed to improving conditions for walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling are excellent forms of recreation that can lead to improved health and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling and transit are environmentally sound and offer the potential for cleaner air, reduced traffic congestion and noise; and

WHEREAS, walking and bicycling and transit are affordable forms of transportation that are less reliant on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland City Council, in meeting duly assembled this ___ day of _____ 2006, affirms that bicycling and walking accommodations should be a routine part of the City's planning, design, construction and operating activities, and will be included in the everyday operations of our transportation system; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cleveland will make bicycling and pedestrian improvements an integral part of its transportation planning and programming.

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