

RESOLUTION BILL NO. 11-717

RESOLUTION NO. 5672

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, Independence strives to be a sustainable and vibrant city with a dynamic spirit of cooperation among its diverse citizens, businesses, organizations, educational systems and governments; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to promote public health by encouraging walking and bicycling as a part of active living; and,

WHEREAS, older citizens and citizens with disabilities often rely on transit, mobility aids and walking to meet basic transportation needs and benefit greatly from complete and well-designed streets; and,

WHEREAS, the usual and customary users of the City's roads, streets and bridges include pedestrians, bicyclists and transit passengers of all ages and abilities, as well as drivers and passengers of automobiles, motorcycles, buses and trucks; and,

WHEREAS, the City envisions transportation as a planned, regionally integrated, multi-modal, accessible and well-maintained system that facilitates movement about the city and encourages growth and economic development. This system includes vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, aeronautical, rail and mass transit components. The system provides safe, efficient and sustainable transportation of people, goods, and services to and from places where people live, work, worship, shop, play, learn and seek medical care; and,

WHEREAS, this goal implements the Complete Streets system in conjunction with other policies, regulations and plans, such as the Thoroughfare Plan, Unified Development Ordinance, Parks Master Plan and Public Works Manual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That this policy shall be known as the "Complete Streets Policy".

SECTION 2. That the purpose of this policy is as follows: Complete Streets Policy sets forth guiding principles and practices to be considered in transportation projects, so as to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use, while promoting safe use and operation for all users.

SECTION 3. That the following definitions shall apply in the policy:

"Complete Street" means a transportation corridor for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, cars, trucks, motorcycles and buses. "Complete Streets" are designed and operated to safely facilitate movement of people of all ages and abilities from destination to destination along and across a continuous travel network.