

RE: Senate Resolution 1805

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

As I have traveled to other cities and states, I am often been inspired by the ability of individuals to travel by several modes of transportation. Most specifically, since I am a bicyclist, I have been aware that the use of bike lanes and signage encourages individuals to adopt an alternative method of travel. I believe that Kansas communities, large and small, should be as proactive in this regard as our neighbors across the country.

In the neighborhoods we live in, connectivity is critical to overall neighborhood health and sustainability. Livable streets – sometimes referred to as complete streets – are roadways designed to allow for safe and convenient travel by all users, including motor vehicles, pedestrians (including those with disabilities), transit vehicles and bicyclists both along and across the corridor. By making roads more accessible for all modes of transportation, livable streets provide safe and convenient travel for persons of all ages and abilities, including children and the elderly. Livable streets encourage active living, promote good health, provide economic benefits, make neighborhoods healthier and provide safer streets.

Since safe and livable bicycle, pedestrian and transit systems are important to the economy and economic development of Kansas, we would encourage the Kansas Senate to declare support for livable streets policies and urge their adoption at the local, metropolitan, regional, state and national levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my support to this resolution.

Sharon Reichenberger
Andale, Kansas