

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1805

A RESOLUTION supporting livable streets policies.

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes the importance of livable streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, drivers and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, A safe and complete bicycle, pedestrian and transit system is important to the economy and economic development of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Bicycling and walking are essential to millions of Kansans as basic transportation and enjoyed by millions of Kansans as healthful recreation and as part of a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling improve the public health and reduce treatment costs for conditions associated with reduced physical activity, including obesity, heart disease, lung disease and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Promoting walking, bicycling and transit for transportation improves the environment, reduces congestion, reduces the need for expensive expansion of our road and highway systems; and

WHEREAS, Citizens with disabilities often rely on walking, motorized scooters, wheelchairs, bicycling and transit to meet basic transportation needs and to make connections with the transit system, and face great obstacles within our current transportation system, and benefit greatly from complete and well designed accommodations for bicycling, motorized scooters, wheelchairs and walking; and

WHEREAS, The principles of livable streets are designed to create a transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the state's transportation system; pedestrians of all ages and abilities, bicyclists, disabled persons, drivers and commercial drivers; and

WHEREAS, The term "livable streets" means creating roads, streets and communities where all road users can feel safe, secure and welcome on our roads and streets and throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, Coordination and cooperation among many different agencies and municipalities is encouraged to fully implement livable streets and create a complete, connected and safe transportation network for walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, The cities of Leawood, Roeland Park, Topeka and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County have adopted "complete streets" or livable streets policies: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby declare our support for livable streets policies and urge their adoption at the local, metropolitan, regional, state and national levels; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Senate of the State of Kansas encourages and urges the United States department of transportation, the Kansas department of transportation, the governing bodies of metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning commissions, municipalities and other organizations and agencies that build, control, maintain or fund roads, highways and bridges in Kansas to adopt livable streets policies and to plan, design, build and maintain their road and street system to provide complete, safe access to all road users; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States department of transportation, the director of each metropolitan planning agency and regional planning commission in the state of Kansas and the president of the Kansas league of municipalities.

Senate Resolution No. 1805 was sponsored by Committee on Transportation.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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Secretary of the Senate.