

## RESOLUTION NO. 13,675

### **A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD A REVISION OF THE MASTER STREET PLAN AND THE BOUNDARY STREET ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the opportunity for cycling and pedestrian travel through better integration of land use and transportation, the City of Little Rock will reduce reliance on fossil fuels and place the City in a position to more effectively reduce greenhouse emissions and road congestion due to motorized vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the City of Little Rock adopted a Master Street Plan pursuant to Little Rock, Ark. Ordinance No. 20,117 (June 16, 2009) with the intent to maximize the efficient, safe, and orderly flow of traffic through and within the City; to produce an efficient, safe, orderly, and economical road system for the citizens of Little Rock, Pulaski County, and the State of Arkansas so that traffic and circulation of people and goods may be convenient, that safety from traffic hazards may be secured, and that congestion in the public streets may be lessened or avoided; and

**WHEREAS**, recent research on obesity and public health identifies a relationship between land use, automobile dependency, and poor health, which can and has been improved for communities making streets more accessible to all users; and

**WHEREAS**, the principles of a complete streets policy—a policy that recognizes the need for streets to be accessible to all potential users—are in accord with various national movements such as “livable communities,” “new urbanism,” “smart growth,” and “healthy communities,” which are strategies that promote a return to a more balanced urban environment and streetscape; and

**WHEREAS**, a Complete Streets Policy, when implemented, will improve land use and transportation connections and thereby reduce traffic congestion, increase the overall capacity of the transportation network, decrease consumer transportation costs, improve air quality, support economic growth and tourism, and increase community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Little Rock desires to gain recognition through the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Little Rock previously received a respectable honorable mention recognition from the League of American Bicyclists in response to its initial application to be recognized

as a Bicycle Friendly Community, but was advised by the League that achieving the highly coveted bronze or higher recognition received by a number of leading cities around the country, including four (4) municipalities in Arkansas, would require, among other factors, adoption of an effective Complete Streets Policy by the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors desires to adopt a Complete Streets Policy, meaning a policy for all transportation improvement projects within the City, including the construction and reconstruction of public roadways, whether publicly or privately funded, to accommodate all anticipated users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, persons with disabilities, freight haulers, and motorists.

**Section 2.** The City Manager is directed to draft revisions to the Master Street Plan and the Boundary Street Ordinance that will incorporate a Complete Streets Policy into those ordinances and to present his proposed revisions to the Board of Directors within twelve (12) months from the adoption of this resolution.

**Section 3.** From the date of the adoption of this resolution until the City Manager presents his proposed revisions to the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 2, City Departments, including the Departments of Public Works, Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation, shall assess whether Complete Streets accommodations and facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists can be incorporated into the design, construction, and reconstruction, including resurfacing and re-striping of streets, in all transportation improvement projects.

**Section 4. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.


**Section 5. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**ADOPTED: April 16, 2013**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Toya Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Doris Wright, Vice Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**Cindy Dawson, Deputy City Attorney**

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