



RESOLUTION NO. 10-0413-03
COMPLETE STREETS

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed and operated to assure safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets can help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is consistent with the Council-approved principles of Active Living Hennepin County, to promote the integration of physical activity into the daily lives of Independence residents; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to develop and maintain a safe, efficient, balanced and environmentally sound City transportation system for people of all ages and abilities, transportation and development projects, including new builds and reconstruction in which the City plays a role, shall incorporate a Complete Streets philosophy that expands transportation choices cost effectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with the City's Active Living principles, the Council directs City staff to develop a City Complete Streets policy and accompanying implementation procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Independence City Council encourages cities, counties, and the state to work together to make Complete Streets a reality throughout Minnesota.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2010.

Marvin D. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Toni Hirsch, City Administrator