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

WHEREAS, the city of Belton 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, through comprehensive community planning and regional collaboration, Belton desires economic independence and a high quality of life as a recognized destination city; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to promote health and wellness by offering and 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 Complete 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, busses and trucks; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belton Master Trails Plan envisioned transportation in Belton as a planned, regionally integrated, multi-modal, accessible, and well maintained system that facilitates movement about the city and encourage growth and economic development. This system includes vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, 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, the City of Belton Master Trails Plan provides for the development, implementation and incorporation of Complete Streets approach to transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Trails Plan focuses on accommodating pedestrians, motorists, bicyclist and mass transit riders of all ages and abilities, and modification and adoption of applicable ordinances, standards, plans and codes to meet this goal; and,

WHEREAS, this goal implements the Complete Streets system in conjunction with other policies, regulations and plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map and Overlay District Plans; and,

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

Section 1. TITLE

This policy shall be known as the Complete Streets Policy.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The 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. DEFINITIONS

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 designation to destination along and across a continuous travel network.

Complete Street Elements includes transportation improvements, facilities and amenities that accommodate and/or promote multiple modes of travel, including pedestrian, bicycle and transit in addition to cars, trucks, motorcycles and busses. These elements are defined and recognized by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the American Planning Association.

Public Improvement Project includes new roads, trails, sidewalks and facilities or reconstruction thereof, as well as private improvement projects constructed and/or maintained in a whole or part with City funds, owned or leased by the City, and/or intended to be dedicated to the City.

Section 4. APPLICABILITY

1. This Policy applies to the design, construction and maintenance (e.g. resurfacing and striping modification) or Public Improvement Projects.
2. The City shall consider public plans, standards, regulations and ordinances that further this policy. For example, the City shall consider an ordinance that requires safe access for pedestrians, bicyclist and other forms of travel, in addition to motorists, in any new development or redeveloped areas. This ordinance should establish design standards for future development that incorporates Complete Streets Elements.

Section 5. APPLICABILITY

1. Complete Streets are designed to serve everyone – pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motorists – including,
2. The design and construction of all Public Improvement Projects should include Complete Streets Elements identified in and required by:
 - a. Public plans adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission; and,
 - b. Development related ordinances, such as the Unified Development Code, the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map, and Overlay District Plans.

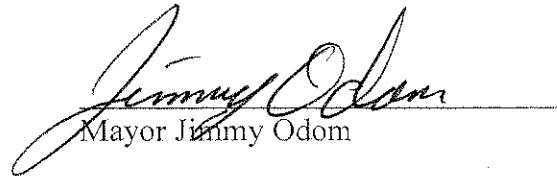
3. Complete Streets Elements should be considered within the balance of mode and context of the community, including, but not limited to, environmental sensitivity, cost, budget, demand, probable use, space and area requirements and limitations, and legal requirements and limitations.
4. The City intends to incorporate Complete Streets principles into all public strategic plans, standards and regulations, including the Unified Development Code, the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map, Overlay District Plans, and other relevant ordinances, practices and policies, upon subsequent updates.
5. It is a goal of the City to foster partnerships with the State of Missouri, Cass County, Jackson County, Mid-America Regional Council, school districts, citizens, businesses, neighboring communities, and neighborhoods in consideration of functional facilities and accommodations in furtherance of the City's Complete Streets Policy and the continuation of such facilities and accommodations beyond the City's borders or maintenance.
6. The City recognizes that Complete Streets may be achieved through elements incorporated into a single project or incrementally through a series of improvements or maintenance activities over time.
7. The City will consider all possible funding sources to plan and implement this policy and shall investigate grants that may be available to make Complete Streets Elements more economically feasible.

Section 6. LIVABLE STREETS SUMMARY

1. A summary or description of the Complete Streets Elements of all Public Improvement Projects shall be included in:
 - The Capital Improvement Program; and
 - The Plan Review Comments of any private development plan that requires City Council approval.
2. If a Complete Streets Element identified in and required by adopted public plans or development related ordinance is not incorporated in the project, such omission shall be documented in the Livable Streets Summary that demonstrates:
 - That the accommodation is not necessary because non-motorized use is prohibited, such as interstate freeways; or
 - That the cost of accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable future use; or
 - A documented absence of current or future need.
 - a. The documentation shall be conducted by appropriate staff; or for private projects, the owner shall conduct the documentation.
 - b. The documentation shall be submitted to the City Manager and/or the City Council, as appropriate, for consideration prior to approval of project design.

Section 8. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage, adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor for the City of Belton, Missouri, this 10th day of January, 2012.


Mayor Jimmy Odom


ATTEST:



City Clerk Patti Ledford
of the City of Belton, Missouri
STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF CASS)SS
CITY OF BELTON)

I, Patricia A. Ledford, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have been duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Belton, Missouri, and that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 10th day of January, 2012, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held the 10th day of January, 2012 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: 9 COUNCILMEN: Cooper, Davidson, Davis, Hoag, Lathrop, Loughridge,
Neff, Savage, Mayor Odom
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEN: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEN: None


Patricia A. Ledford, City Clerk
of the City of Belton, Missouri