

Livable Streets Policy

Section I. *Purpose*

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guiding principles and practices for City of Southwest City transportation projects to encourage walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized forms of transit, in addition to normal motorized transit, including personal, freight, and public transit vehicles. Street design and usage must allow safe operations for all users regardless of age or ability. This policy will facilitate the creation of an interconnected network of Livable Streets that balances the needs of all users in pleasant and appealing ways in order to maximize functionality and usability, and encourage physical activity.

Section II. *Application and Scope.*

- (1) This policy will require the *City Administrator, or other city official*, to consider livable street elements in the design, construction, and maintenance of all transportation projects, and improvements and facilities in maintenance of all transportation projects. All developers and builders are required to obtain and comply with these standards.
- (2) The intention of this policy is to cover all development and redevelopment in the public domain within *City of Southwest City*. This includes all transportation projects: new road construction, reconstruction retrofits, upgrades, resurfacing, rehabilitation, other applicable programs, and privately built roads intended for public use. As such, compliance with these principles will be factored into decisions related to the city's participation in private projects and whether the city will accept possession of privately built roads constructed after the passage of this ordinance.
- (3) The city understands that special considerations and designs are necessary to accommodate older adults or disabled citizens and will ensure all livable street designs make appropriate accommodations. All public transportation projects involving livable street elements shall be ADA compliant to help meet those special considerations.

Section III. *Guiding Principles and practices*

- (1) "Livable Streets" defined. A livable street is a transportation venue for all users—pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists—regardless of age or ability, to safely move from destination to destination through a network of livable streets. The design and operation of livable streets are to enable safe continuous travel networks for all users. Transportation improvements, facilities, and amenities that may contribute to livable streets and that are considered as an element of livable street include: street and sidewalk lighting; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements, including compliance with American with Disabilities Act; public transit facilities accommodation including, but not limited to, pedestrian access improvement to transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities.

- (2) The city of Southwest City. will incorporate two or more livable street elements into public transportation projects in order to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, in comprehensive and connected networks in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community.
- (3) The city of Southwest City. will incorporate livable streets principles into all public strategic plans, upon subsequent updates. The *City Administrator* may incorporate the principles into public works plans, manuals, rules, regulations, operational standards, and programs as appropriate and practicable.
- (4) It shall be a goal of the city to foster partnerships with the *State of Missouri, state advocacy agency, regional advocacy agency et. al* and neighboring community institutions and organizations in consideration of functional facilities and accommodations in furtherance of the city's livable streets policy and continuation of such facilities and accommodations.
- (5) The city recognizes that livable streets may be achieved through single elements incorporated into a particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. The city will attempt to draw upon all possible funding sources to plan and implement this policy and shall investigate grants that may be available to make livable streets attainable.

Section IV. *Study/analysis to be undertaken as part of public transportation projects*

During the planning phase of any public improvement project, a designee of the city administrator may conduct a study and analysis relating to the addition and incorporation of two or more livable streets elements into the transportation project.

The study and analysis shall include cost estimates, how the elements can be incorporated in a safe manner, the degree that such improvements of facilities may be utilized, the benefit of such improvements or facilities to their public transportation improvements, whether additional property is required, physical area requirements or limitations and any other factors deemed relevant.

Such study and analysis shall be submitted to the city administrator for consideration in the design and planning of the public transportation project. The *City Administrator* shall consider the incorporation of two or more livable streets elements in each transportation project to the extent that such is economically and physically feasible.

Section V. *Administration*

- (1) The *City Administrator* shall be responsible for the overall implementation and execution of the livable streets principles and practices.

- (2) The *City Administrator* shall collaborate with appropriate staff to adopt a livable streets checklist for use on all public transportation projects.
- (3) When available, appropriate, and monetarily feasible, the city shall support staff professional development and training on non-motorized transportation issues through attending conferences, classes, seminars, and workshops.

This ordinance shall become in full force and effect from and after the date of the passage of the Board of Alderman/City Council upon its approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY BOARD OF ALDERMAN/CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF (Southwest City), MO. THIS 28th DAY OF March 2017



Mayor

ATTEST



City Clerk