

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 11-43

A Resolution Stating the City of Eagan's Ongoing Support and Intent to Utilize Complete Street Principles in Transportation Planning and Community Design

WHEREAS the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) defines Complete Streets as streets for everyone that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street; and,

WHEREAS a required best practice of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program is the adoption of a Complete Streets policy (or documented practices) that addresses street standards, street trees, and storm water management; and,

WHEREAS the City of Eagan adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 to encourage the Minnesota Legislature, with input and guidance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, to authorize the development of a statewide Complete Streets Program, which would provide for the development of a balanced transportation system, through appropriate planning, that integrates multiple transportation modes, where appropriate, for transportation users of all types, ages and abilities; and,

WHEREAS the City of Eagan has consistently followed Complete Street principles in its planning and community design, and has demonstrated said commitment by adopting a transportation goal within the 2030 Eagan Comprehensive Guide Plan to develop a multi-modal transportation system in which autos, trucks, rail, transit, bicycles and pedestrians are adequately served and can safely co-exist; and,

WHEREAS specific Complete Streets efforts in the City of Eagan include, but are not limited to:

- Installation and maintenance of 118 miles of community trails together with 236 miles of City-maintained streets in Eagan;
- Leveraged grant dollars to create fifty (50) City-installed rain gardens within the public right-of-way, with six (6) more scheduled for installation in 2011;
- Established a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) in response to its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit;
- Trail maps and markers posted along City trails, and all transportation maps (trails, streets, etc.) available via the City's website;
- Receipt of State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant dollars for the addition of bike racks, wayfinding signage for trails, and an incentive program to encourage residents to walk to City events and facilities;
- Installation of two roundabouts, as a traffic calming measure, incorporation of flashing yellow left turn signals in several locations, and synchronized traffic signals on major corridors, all in partnership with Dakota County, to reduce idling of vehicles;
- Adoption of a comprehensive Community Transportation Trail System Policy
- Implementation of a transit oriented, walkable design framework within the Cedar Grove Zoning District and Design Standards;

- Participation in the University of Minnesota's Design for a Lifetime program, resulting in a grant for the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk signal to encourage walkability.
- The identification and remediation of connectivity breaks (gaps) in the City's trail system and the adoption of a Trail Connection Policy;
- Establishment of a Winter Snow Removal Policy for city trails, including partnerships with three independent school districts within the City to ensure safe pedestrian mobility to schools;
- Maintenance of established boulevard tree placement and trimming practices that address safe access to City streets for all users.

WHEREAS, there are three Park-n-Ride facilities in the City of Eagan to encourage the use of public transit, including a new transit facility as part of the Cedar Corridor Bus Rapid Transit efforts; and,

WHEREAS the State of Minnesota, upon passage of Minnesota Law, Chapter 351, Section 52, created an External Advisory Group charged with creating a Complete Street Policy for the State of Minnesota from which the City of Eagan awaits further direction pertaining to Complete Street standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGAN, MINNESOTA that the City of Eagan supports the principles of Complete Streets and will work with MnDOT, Dakota County, and appropriate agencies so that Complete Street elements are evaluated where possible for City transportation projects by providing appropriate accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit riders, and disabled persons through the ongoing creation of a multi-modal transportation network.

ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2011.

Attest: Christina M. Scipioni
Christina M. Scipioni, City Clerk

Mike Maguire
Mike Maguire, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DAKOTA)
CITY OF EAGAN)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Eagan do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Eagan City Council at its meeting of September 6, 2011, as recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this 6th day of September, 2011.

Christina M. Scipioni
City Clerk