

Rochester – Olmsted Council of Governments

RESOLUTION NO. 11- 1

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE PLANNED, DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED TO INTEGRATE WALKING, BICYCLING AND TRANSIT USE WHILE PROMOTING SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS FOR ALL USERS.

WHEREAS, the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG) is the organization designated by the Governor of Minnesota as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 for the Rochester, Minnesota, urbanized area, and

WHEREAS, the ROCOG 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan encourages walking, bicycling and transit use as safe, convenient and energy efficient modes of transportation for all people; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses - including safe, active, and adequate space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit - are more conducive to the public life of an urban community and efficient movement of people and goods than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, encouraging non-motorized transportation can have considerable positive health benefits for the community during a time when obesity, diabetes, and heart diseases are at epidemic proportions by supporting active living efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of ROCOG to establish a Complete Streets Policy so that all roads will include appropriate accommodations for users including pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit passengers, people with disabilities, the elderly, freight providers, emergency responders and adjacent land users, and

WHEREAS, the guiding principle of the ROCOG Complete Streets Policy is to plan, design, operate and maintain the transportation network to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users ; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvements should include an array of facilities and amenities that are recognized as contributing to Complete Streets, including but not limited to space for pedestrians such as sidewalks, paths or paved shoulders, space for bicyclists such as signed bike routes, wide outside lanes, marked bike lanes or shared use paths, access improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, safe and convenient access to public transit facilities, adequate street and sidewalk lighting, and safe street crossings such as marked or raised crosswalks, over- or underpasses, and pedestrian signals and signs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ROCOG supports the concept of Complete Streets and hereby adopts the attached policy statement regarding the incorporation of complete

street features to the most practical extent possible in all ROCOG-approved projects using federal funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that project sponsors using other local, state or federal funds are encouraged to accommodate practicable Complete Streets features in the planning and design of all proposed roadway projects; and

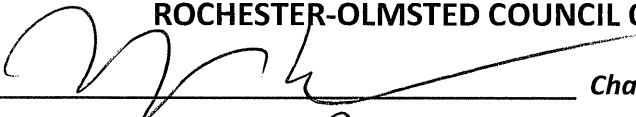
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ROCOG-based committees including the Bicycle – Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) as well as ROCOG staff, will consult and cooperate with all member jurisdictions and contributing agencies to implement this Complete Streets policy by planning the transportation network and adjoining land uses to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit and motorists in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community. This may include consulting on policies and procedures addressing the planning, design, construction, reconstruction or preservation of transportation facilities to support the creation of Complete Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ROCOG will integrate Complete Streets principles into the Long Range Transportation Plan, ROCOG Corridor and Subarea Plans, Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans, and other MPO plans and programs as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ROCOG will work with City, County, and Township community development and public works officials and Mn/DOT to collaboratively implement Complete Street features in a consistent manner on principal and minor arterial facilities that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Upon motion by Mr. Brede, seconded by Mr. Laures, this 23 day of May, 2011

ROCHESTER-OLMSTED COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BY:  Chairman

ATTEST:  for
Philip H. Wheeler, AICP, Executive Director, ROCOG

Dated: May 23, 2011