

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-087**

### **RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT IT IS THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK'S POLICY TO UTILIZE COMPLETE STREET PRINCIPLES IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DESIGN**

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets consist of the planning, scoping, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of roads in order to reasonably address the safety and accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities. Complete streets considers the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and vehicles, bicyclists, and commercial and emergency vehicles moving along and across roads, intersections, and crossings in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and recognizes that needs may vary throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 the City of St. Louis Park adopted resolution 10-027 to encourage the Minnesota Legislature, with input and guidance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, to authorize 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 St. Louis Park supports Hennepin County's adoption of a Complete Streets resolution and policy and its efforts to implement the policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Park has consistently followed Complete Street principles in its planning and community design, and has demonstrated said commitment by adopting a transportation goal within the City's Comprehensive Plan to provide well-designed and well-maintained community streets that balance the needs of all users, residents, businesses and property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets is consistent with the Council supported principles of Active Living Hennepin County, to promote the integration of physical activity into the daily lives of St. Louis Park residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets are designed, constructed and maintained 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 of all abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets provide safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increase the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decrease consumer transportation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets will help St. Louis Park reduce greenhouse gas emissions as more people choose an alternative to the single occupant vehicle, thereby improving air quality and alleviating public health concerns; 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, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Physical Activity Guidelines and the City’s Pedestrian and Bicycle System Implementation Plan and Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets improve the quality of life within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Streets may influence or help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs;

**NOW 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 shall incorporate a Complete Streets philosophy that expands transportation choices; and therefore

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, that it is the City of St. Louis Park’s policy to utilize complete streets principles and to work with MnDOT, Hennepin 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-model transportation system.

Reviewed for Administration:

Adopted by the City Council June 17, 2013

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City Manager

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk