## CITY OF LAKEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 20-67

## RESOLUTION STATING ONGOING SUPPORT AND INTENT TO UTILIZE SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROCESS WITH 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 Green Streets typically refers to street design that reduces environmental impacts by reducing impervious surface, managing stormwater, and providing shade. Living Streets combines the concepts of complete streets and green streets, and puts additional focus on quality of life aspects for City residents; and

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

WHEREAS the City of Lakeville has followed Living Streets principles in its planning and community design, and has demonstrated said commitment by adopting a transportation goal within the 2040 Lakeville Comprehensive 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**, the City of Lakeville incorporates Living Streets practices including, but not limited to:

- Evaluating Living Street standards on subdivision and major roadway projects
   Installation of traffic calming measures, including roundabouts, flashing yellow left turn
   signals and synchronized traffic signals on major corridors, in partnership with Dakota
   County, to reduce vehicle idling
- Approved Spirit of Brandtjen Farm Development, a 450-acre residential and commercial subdivision with many Living Street components.
- Implementation of watershed best management practices, including raingardens, creek and shoreline restoration, and native plantings within public right-of-way, in partnership with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) in response to the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit;

 Maintenance of established boulevard tree placement and trimming practices that address safe access to City streets for all users.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakeville encourages pedestrian and bicyclist use through the planning, construction and maintenance of a well-developed local trail system, including:

- Implementation of a Bicycle and Trail System Plan that enhances the City's transportation system/network
- Inclusion of pedestrian and bicyclist facilities into major roadway projects
- Subdivision standards that include trails and sidewalks, providing connecting and access to neighborhoods, parks, schools and employment centers
- 118 miles of developed, publicly accessible trails
- The identification and remediation of connectivity breaks (gaps) in the City's trail system and the adoption of a Trail Connection Policy;
- Trail maps and markers posted along City trails, and all transportation maps (trails, streets, etc.) available via the City's website;
- 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

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville encourages the use of transit and ridesharing through several advantages available to residents and commuters, including:

- Express bus route service to two Park & Ride facilities, including a dedicated bus-only exit
  to Kenrick Avenue Park & Ride and dedicated bus-only shoulders along Cedar Avenue
  to/from Lakeville Cedar Park & Ride
- Two Park & Pool facilities along Interstate 35
- Lakeville LOOP Circulator Bus service for people age 62 and older
- Dial-A-Ride bus service

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lakeville supports the principles of Living & Green Streets and will work with MnDOT, Dakota County, and appropriate agencies so that Living 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 and to ensure design that reduces environmental impacts by reducing impervious surface, managing stormwater, and providing shade.

ADOPTED by the Lakeville City Council this 6th day of July 2020

Douglas P. Anderson, Mayor

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