

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 006

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MN

**BE IT RESOLVED BY** the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota (the “City”) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2024, the Sustainability Commission heard a presentation on the Complete Streets Policy after several rounds of workshops, edits, and collaboration with the Sustainability Commission, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and city staff before giving a positive recommendation to the Council Liaison and having staff introduce the proposal at the next City Council Work Session; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2024, the City Council reviewed the timeline and efforts that went into the draft Complete Streets Policy and provided staff with direction to prepare the policy for consideration at a future City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has interest in implementing a Complete Streets Policy to make progress on transportation safety goals identified in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which establishes both Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School as priorities in the Chapter 6 – Transportation section to expand the services available to commercial and residential tenants and property owners, and enhance the overall health and safety of the built community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that a safe, accessible Complete Streets transportation network accommodates users of all ages and abilities, such as bicycles, pedestrians, transit riders, and motorists and all street projects shall identify opportunities to carry out the vision of a Complete Streets approach and be integrated into the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Policy is to be context-sensitive and meet the needs of the community and surrounding area while emphasizing safe and accessible travel for all people with all facilities designed in accordance with the best state-of-the-practice design guidance referenced by state (Minnesota Department of Transportation & Office of Sustainability and Public Health) and federal agencies (Federal Highway Administration) as well as any guidance identified in city plans; and

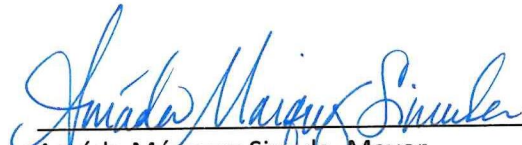
**WHEREAS**, street designs should prioritize safety and equitable mobility for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders, alongside motor vehicles and prioritize design choices that emphasize vehicle throughput, such as wider lanes or reduced pedestrian crossings and ensuring they do not compromise the safety and accessibility of other modes of transportation to create a balanced transportation network that accommodates all users while maintaining safe and efficient movement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the City of Columbia Heights, the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights approves and establishes the Complete Streets Policy as attached.

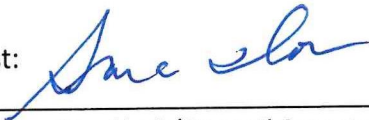
**ORDER OF COUNCIL**

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025

Offered by: James  
Seconded by: Buesgens  
Roll Call: All Ayes

  
Amada Márquez Simula, Mayor

Attest:



Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary