

METROPOLITAN TOPEKA PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)

A RESOLUTION encouraging the implementation of Complete Streets principles that accommodates bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation passengers and users of all abilities in the design and construction of public rights-of-way.

WHEREAS, the guiding principle of Complete Streets is to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of full accessibility through transportation improvements that are planned, designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use increases the general safety and welfare for all users; and

WHEREAS, the MTPO Policy Board desires to encourage the integration and implementation of Complete Streets principles for public improvement design and construction projects; and,

WHEREAS, the MTPO Policy Board, by authority of federal and state law, is responsible for approving projects for inclusion in the region's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MTPO POLICY BOARD that,

1. Projects submitted to the MTPO for inclusion in the TIP shall, to the extent practical and feasible, demonstrate how Complete Streets principals will be addressed in the design and construction of the project.

2. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) shall a) establish guidelines to determine practicality and feasibility of incorporating complete street principles into TIP projects, and b) develop a process for reviewing proposed TIP projects for Complete Streets compliance.

3. The resources of the MTPO will be used, to the extent available, to assist project sponsors in implementing Complete Streets principles.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization

Policy Board: _____, 2011.

MTPO Policy Board:

Mike Lackey, Chair

ATTEST:

David Thurbon, MTPO Secretary