

A Resolution Establishing MPO Support for Complete Streets

WHEREAS, the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to carry out the Continuing, Comprehensive and Cooperative (3 C) planning program, including transportation planning; and,

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is one of the required documents that a MPO must produce and maintain on a regular basis as part of its duties to carry out the 3C regional transportation planning process for its Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) which for the L-DC MPO is composed of all of Douglas County, Kansas including the four cities (Baldwin City, Eudora, Lawrence, LeCompton) in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the MTP is required to be a multi-modal transportation plan that addresses all modes of surface transportation including motorized and non-motorized forms and the transportation of all users including the transport of people and goods; and,

WHEREAS, the L-DC MPO and its policies set forth in its MTP strive to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use as safe, convenient, energy efficient, and widely available well connected modes of transportation for all people; and,

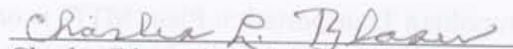
WHEREAS, the L-DC MPO supports a comprehensive, integrated and connected network for all modes of transportation taking into account the needs and safety of all users; and,

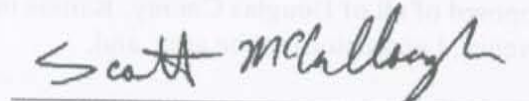
WHEREAS, the L-DC MPO finds a Complete Streets Policy to be consistent with the L-DC MPO's goals for the creation of a multi-modal transportation system coordinated with land uses as described in its MTP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE L-DC MPO POLICY BOARD THAT:

1. The L-DC MPO will incorporate Complete Streets Principles into: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other MPO plans, manuals, reports, documents programs, and processes as appropriate.
2. The L-DC MPO will support and encourage the passage of a Complete Streets Policy by governments in Douglas County. This may include consulting on policies and procedures addressing the planning, design, construction, reconstruction or other changes to regionally significant transportation facilities and services (roadways, transit, facilities for non-motorized modes) to support the creation of Complete Streets, including capital improvements, major maintenance work and procedures, roadway re-striping and pavement markings, signals and signage, operational strategies, and other improvements to the region's multi-modal transportation system, while recognizing that all streets must balance user needs by planning the transportation network and adjoining land uses to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, motorists, freight carriers and all other users of the transportation network and its rights-of-ways in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby approves this resolution in support of Complete Streets on this 15th day of September 2011.


Charles Blaser, L-DC MPO Chairperson


Scott McCullough, L-DC MPO Secretary