

A POLICY RESOLUTION

expressing support for adoption of a livable streets policy to improve the livability of and contribute to the safety, health, equity, economic viability, and quality of life within the city by providing efficient and accessible connections between homes, neighborhoods, schools, work, recreation, and business destinations.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to formalize the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of streets so they are livable for people of all ages and abilities, and provide a street network where walking, biking, and transit are truly safe, accessible, and convenient modes of transportation (“Livable Streets”); and

WHEREAS, the creation of Livable Streets prioritizes livability and equity by focusing on people walking, riding bikes, using public transit, families, and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that certain groups of people have historically faced barriers to safe, reliable, and convenient transportation (e.g., low-income families, people of color, women, children, older adults, people with disabilities, people walking, riding bikes, or using public transit); and

WHEREAS, the City believes that inclusive community engagement is the foundation of Livable Streets; and

WHEREAS, the City believes all types of transportation infrastructure work, including reconstruction, restriping, and new construction are opportunities to apply Livable Streets design principles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to transportation projects, the City desires to look for opportunities to make Livable Street improvements in partnership with other city infrastructure projects (e.g. stormwater, utilities) and pavement preservation processes; and

WHEREAS, the City is actively striving to be an equitable, sustainable, vibrant, and walk-, bike-, and transit-friendly city and implementation of Livable Streets design principles may be utilized to create the land use context that visually demonstrates these values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby expresses its support for developing a Livable Streets Policy that will incorporate Livable Streets into planning, design and operation of all future municipal projects, whether new construction or reconstruction.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby expresses its support to utilize funds appropriated for such purpose to hire a consultant with significant expertise in street designs that provide safe and convenient spaces for people of all ages and abilities to travel by walking, biking, or transit who will assist in the development of Livable Streets design standards and policies which may be implemented in all types of transportation infrastructure work, including reconstruction, restriping, and new construction.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby expresses its support for the establishment of a temporary Livable Streets Task Force to provide recommendations to the Council related to development of the Livable Streets design standards.

SECTION 4. Following adoption of the policy, the City Council hereby expresses its desire for Livable Streets to be implemented in neighborhoods with high rates of people facing transportation barriers, historic disinvestment or underinvestment, poor health outcomes, or low vehicle ownership.

SECTION 5. Following adoption of the policy, the City Council hereby expresses its desire to create a permanent advisory commission to oversee the implementation of the Livable Streets policy.

SECTION 6. Following adoption of the policy, the City Council hereby expresses its desire to utilize an inclusive community engagement plan and scoring matrix tool for evaluation and prioritization of all Livable Streets projects which includes significant input from groups that have been historically underrepresented in transportation decision-making (e.g., low-income families, people of color, women, children, older adults, people with disabilities, people walking, riding bikes, or using public transit).

SECTION 7. Following adoption of the policy, the City Council expresses its support for open transparent communication of any exceptions to the Livable Streets Policy as a part of any capital improvement or development project.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor