

Senate Resolution No. 1805

By Committee on Transportation

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1 A RESOLUTION supporting livable streets policies.

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3 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes the importance of livable
4 streets that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists,
5 public transportation riders, drivers and people of all ages and abilities,
6 including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with
7 disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, A safe and complete bicycle, pedestrian and transit system
9 is important to the economy and economic development of Kansas; and

10 WHEREAS, Bicycling and walking are essential to millions of
11 Kansans as basic transportation and enjoyed by millions of Kansans as
12 healthful recreation and as part of a healthy lifestyle; and

13 WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling improve the public health and
14 reduce treatment costs for conditions associated with reduced physical
15 activity, including obesity, heart disease, lung disease and diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, Promoting walking, bicycling and transit for
17 transportation improves the environment, reduces congestion, reduces the
18 need for expensive expansion of our road and highway systems; and

19 WHEREAS, Citizens with disabilities often rely on walking, bicycling
20 and transit to meet basic transportation needs and to make connections
21 with the transit system, and face great obstacles within our current
22 transportation system, and benefit greatly from complete and well
23 designed accommodations for bicycling and walking; and

24 WHEREAS, The principles of livable streets are designed to create a
25 transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the state's
26 transportation system; pedestrians of all ages and abilities, bicyclists,
27 disabled persons, drivers and commercial drivers; and

28 WHEREAS, The term "livable streets" means creating roads, streets
29 and communities where all road users can feel safe, secure and welcome
30 on our roads and streets and throughout our communities; and

31 WHEREAS, Coordination and cooperation among many different
32 agencies and municipalities are required to fully implement livable streets
33 and create a complete, connected and safe transportation network for
34 walking and bicycling; and

35 WHEREAS, The cities of Leawood, Roeland Park, Topeka and the
36 Unified Government of Wyandotte County have adopted "complete

1 streets” or livable streets policies: Now, therefore,

2 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we hereby*
3 *declare our support for livable streets policies and urge their adoption at*
4 *the local, metropolitan, regional, state and national levels; and*

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Senate of the State of Kansas
6 encourages and urges the United States department of transportation, the
7 Kansas department of transportation, the governing bodies of metropolitan
8 planning organizations, regional planning commissions, municipalities and
9 other organizations and agencies that build, control, maintain or fund
10 roads, highways and bridges in Kansas to adopt livable streets policies and
11 to plan, design, build and maintain their road and street system to provide
12 complete, safe access to all road users; and

13 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send
14 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States
15 department of transportation, the director of each metropolitan planning
16 agency and regional planning commission in the state of Kansas and the
17 president of the Kansas league of municipalities.