

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
REGARDING COMPLETE STREETS**

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is the practice of planning, designing and constructing streets and roadways that integrate and balance the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motor vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board is committed to providing safe, adequate, and balanced accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, regardless of age or ability, wherever it is practical to do so; and

WHEREAS, the projected doubling of Georgia's senior citizen population over the next 20 years is evidence of the increased need for community based transportation options that are less dependent on driving; and

WHEREAS, providing options for individuals with disabilities requires making available access to a broader range of transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and roadways will reduce traffic congestion, improve mobility, and provide more reliable commute times; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board supports communities that provide pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations between residential and school districts, parks, public facilities, and commercial and employment districts; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has the opportunity to create and improve transportation facilities for all users by implementing Complete Streets principles and standards into appropriate GDOT projects; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has coordinated with the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Atlanta Regional Commission, City of Atlanta, City of Decatur, City of Roswell, Cobb Community Transit, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Georgia Bikes, Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, Gwinnett County Transit, MARTA, National Complete Streets Coalition, and PEDS to understand users and needs; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation partners with local governments, regional commissions and MPOs, to incorporate Complete Streets principles into local transportation projects through special programs such as Safe Routes to School, Transportation Enhancement, Livable Centers Initiative, Georgia Transit, and the Georgia Rail Passenger Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Transportation Board supports the advancement of accessibility for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit modes of transportation along streets and roadways in Georgia with the goal of reducing congestion, improving mobility, and enhancing the quality of life for all users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation staff is directed to adopt policies, guidelines and standards as necessary for the successful implementation of Complete Streets.

Adopted by the State Transportation Board this 12th day of September, 2012.

Approved:

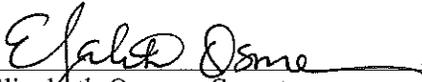


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