CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NO 611

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY THAT SUPPORTS EASE OF USE AND SAFETY FOR ALL USERS OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK.

WHEREAS, the KC Health Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing obesity and improving the health of children in the greater Kansas City area;

WHEREAS, there is a growing recognition that streets designated solely for motor vehicles may be a contributing factor to the national obesity epidemic that is affecting the well-being of the citizens of this country, as single purpose streets have been found to limit the opportunity for children and adults to get regular physical activity during their daily routines;

WHEREAS, among its initiatives, KC Healthy Kids is actively encouraging communities and organizations throughout the metropolitan area to support the concept of “Complete Streets” within each jurisdictional area;

WHEREAS, the concept of "Complete Streets" is to design and build streets that balance the safety and convenience of vehicular traffic with the needs of others, such as pedestrians, bicyclists and people of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets concept does not prescribe a singular design for all streets, instead each street is considered to be unique and expected to respond to the needs of the community within the context of its link within the overall street system;

WHEREAS, the City of Roeland Park recognizes the importance of creating “Complete Streets” that enable safe travel by all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for greater health of the population, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets enhance safe walking and bicycling options for school-age children, in recognition of the objectives of the national Safe Routes to School program; and
WHEREAS, the City of Roeland Park recognizes the importance of street infrastructure and modifications such as sidewalks, crosswalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, signage, narrow vehicle lanes and accessible curb ramps, that enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Roeland Park, to the extent feasible, will include Complete Streets design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning and implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Roeland Park supports the future development of a Complete Streets policy that supports ease of use and safety for all users of transportation systems within the City of Roeland Park.

PASSED by the City Council this 3rd day of October, 2011

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Adrienne Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra L. Mootz, City Clerk