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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPLETE STREETS

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is an objective of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work program of Healthy Portland to prevent adult and childhood obesity by promoting the integration of physical activity into the daily lives of Portland residents; 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 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Physical Activity Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are designed, constructed, operated and maintained to assure safety and accessibility for all the users of our roads, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial and emergency vehicles and for people of all ages and of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs and help reduce crashes and injuries and their costs; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support major planning elements of the Portland Comprehensive Plan such as A Time of Change (1993), the Peninsula Transit Plan (2009), and the Sustainable Portland Plan (2010); and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets will help Portland achieve the City’s sustainability goals of environmental stewardship through effective transportation and land use decision-making, thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions as more people choose alternatives to single occupant vehicles; improving air quality, and alleviating public health concerns such as asthma; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets support economic growth and community livability by providing accessible, attractive and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments within and between neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to develop, operate and maintain a safe, efficient, balanced and environmentally sound City transportation system for people of all ages and abilities, transportation and development projects shall reflect a Complete Streets philosophy that expands transportation choices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with Portland's principles, the City Council directs the Mayor to work with city staff to convene a Complete Streets Working Group, comprised of representatives of diverse stakeholder groups, to develop a Complete Streets policy to be completed by March 2012, working in concert with appropriate city staff.