RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY. Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2011 - 70

Upon the motion of Huebsch, seconded by Rogness, and upon a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the mobility of freight and passengers and the safety, convenience, and comfort of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians - including people requiring mobility aids, transit riders, and neighborhood residents of all ages and abilities should all be considered when planning and designing highways and streets under the jurisdiction of Otter Tail County.

AND WHEREAS, integrating sidewalks, bike facilities, transit amenities, and safe crossings into the initial design of highway projects avoids the expense of retrofits later;

AND WHEREAS, highways are a critical component of public space and play a major role in establishing the image and identity of a community, providing a key framework for current and future development,

AND WHEREAS, active living integrates physical activity into daily routines and Active Living communities encourage individuals of all ages and abilities to be more physically active;

AND WHEREAS, communities that support active living strive to create amenities that will enhance the quality of life of its residents, improve the physical and social environment in ways that attract businesses and workers, and contribute to economic development;

AND WHEREAS, the goal of complete streets is to improve the access and mobility for all users of highways in the community by improving safety through reducing conflict and encouraging non-motorized transportation and transit, which will enhance the promotion of active living as a means to improve the health of the community residents, and improve environmental conditions, including air quality;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners in Otter Tail County, Minnesota is supportive of the Complete Streets concept and will move forward with the development of a Complete Streets Policy.

Dated: 12/20/2011

Attest:

Larry Krohn, Clerk

OARD OF COMMISSIONERS

I, Larry S. Krohn, County Administrator for the County of Otter Tail, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Otter Tail County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 13th day of December, 2011, now on file in the County Administrator's office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Larry S. Krohn, County Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)