

## RESOLUTION NO. R99-3 CMS

### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY ON DESIGNING, MODIFYING AND MAINTAINING PUBLIC STREETS TO FACILITATE BICYCLE USAGE

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a legitimate vehicle and as is suggested in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 should be an integral part of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin is a bicycle friendly community and wishes to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of transportation within the City; and

WHEREAS, inexpensive roadway improvements can facilitate bicycle travel, and often an improvement that aids bicycle travel will aid motor vehicle travel as well; and

WHEREAS, the provision of wider outside lanes on major streets can better accommodate both vehicular and bicycle traffic in the same lane and thereby aid both bicyclists and motorists; and

WHEREAS, parallel drainage grates may be hazardous to bicyclists, and the necessity for bicyclists to take sudden evasive action may create a hazard for motor vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, other measures can be taken to improve conditions for bicyclists on public streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the following guidelines are hereby established.

1. The City is encouraged to make every reasonable effort to either maintain traffic signal detectors that are sensitive to the presence of bicycles or provide for other means of actuation of traffic signals for bicyclists.
2. When designing or reviewing plans for new streets or when developing plans for the reconstruction of existing streets, the City and all utility companies are encouraged to specify that any storm water inlets containing street grates, and utility covers and other surface irregularities be designed to be safe for the

passage of bicycles.

3. Wherever it has street maintenance responsibility, the City is encouraged to make every reasonable effort to maintain as smooth as practical transitions between street surfaces and bridge decks, between street surfaces and concrete gutter sections, and between street surfaces and any street grates.

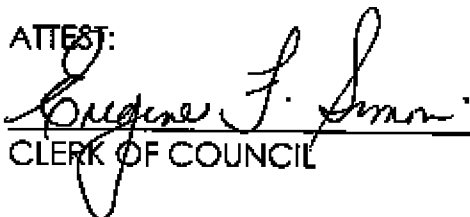
SECTION 2. That the purpose and intent of this Resolution is to give broad, general policy direction to the Director of Public Works and other appropriate employees and officials of the City and to strongly encourage them to utilize their best efforts to improve conditions for bicyclists on public streets within the City, and to grant them the authority to take the actions recommended in this Resolution, if, in the exercise of their discretionary authority and sound engineering judgement, they deem such action to be appropriate.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - February 16, 1999  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - March 1, 1999  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading - March 15, 1999 (Effective in 30 days)

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 3/16/99

EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/14/99