RESOLUTION NO. 8222

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Larry Wolgast encouraging the implementation of walkable, bikeable complete streets that accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation passengers and users of all abilities.

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets guiding principle is to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of capital improvements that are planned, designed and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use increases the general safety and welfare for all of Topeka’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish a clear policy that the City should integrate and implement the Complete Streets as a guiding principle for public improvement design and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that:

1. To the extent financially feasible, future construction or reconstruction of City rights-of-way or any parts thereof shall be in conformity with the policies set forth herein.
   a. The City shall integrate and implement Complete Streets, defined as a design principle to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.
   b. Nonmotorized network plans shall include, at a minimum, reasonable accommodations for accessibility, sidewalks, curb ramps and cuts, signage and bike lanes and shall incorporate principles of Complete Streets and maximize walkable and bikeable streets within the City.

2. It shall be a goal of the City to adequately fund the implementation of this
3. All resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded or repealed.

4. Should any section, clause or phrase of this resolution be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council November 24, 2009.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk