

RESOLUTION NO. 20131212-080

WHEREAS, complete streets are designed to work well for cars and also to meet the needs of children, the elderly, the disabled, and the growing number of people who choose alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan promotes “complete street design that includes features such as traffic calming elements, street trees, wide sidewalks, and pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access throughout Austin, considering the safety needs of people of all ages and abilities”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is currently in the process of rewriting its Land Development Code, subdivision regulations, and Transportation Criteria Manual to be in accordance with Imagine Austin; and

WHEREAS, while there are several city policies that are supportive of complete streets, such as Resolution 020418-40 which requires sidewalk and bicycle facilities on all roadway projects, the Great Streets Master Plan, the Sidewalk Master Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan, and Commercial Design Standards, there is currently not a citywide, comprehensive Complete Streets Policy; and

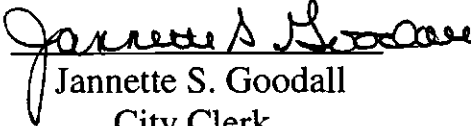
WHEREAS, on December 4, 2013, staff from the City of Austin, the City of San Marcos, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Texas Department of Transportation participated in a one-day Complete Streets Policy Development Workshop led by national experts from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals and sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); and

WHEREAS, creating and implementing a Complete Streets Policy will require the participation of staff from across the City of Austin, including but not limited to Transportation, Public Works, Planning & Development Review, Austin Energy, Capital Planning, Austin Water, and emergency services, as well as coordination with outside entities such as Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority and Travis County; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of external stakeholders who could be helpful in shaping this policy including the Urban Transportation Commission, the Bicycle Advisory Council, the Pedestrian Advisory Council, bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations, The Mayor's Commission on Aging, and the AARP; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to create and implement a comprehensive Complete Streets Policy. This context-sensitive policy should include specific implementation steps, metrics for evaluation, and a high standard for exclusions. The City Manager shall report on this policy, along with any recommended code amendments, to Council by June 30, 2014.

ADOPTED: December 12, 2013 **ATTEST:** 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk