

RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Commissioners

Presented By: Commissioner McDonough Date: December 13, 2016 No. B2016-314

Attention: Economic Growth & Community Investment

WHEREAS, A quality comprehensive transportation system is fundamental to advancing the county's vision of "A Vibrant Community in Which All are Valued and Thrive", with a commitment to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual preference, health, education, abilities, and economics; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is fully developed and the most urbanized county in Minnesota, with an extraordinarily diverse population and evolving demographics; and

WHEREAS, The County Board conducted two workshops in July 2016 to discuss the County's existing approach to developing an All Abilities Transportation Network and to identify strategic steps to improve planning, design and implementation of such a network; and

WHEREAS, The policy set forth herein has been created to unify County transportation efforts under a shared vision and implementation strategy that allow pedestrians and bicyclists to move freely and safely throughout the County, and to demonstrate the County's commitment to all people who use the transportation system; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopts the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy as follows:

"Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy"

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is committed to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual preference, health, education, abilities, and economics. This is broadly defined as an "All Abilities" Transportation Network. Transforming this commitment into reality requires consistent leadership and collaboration over time, and must incorporate the best ideas from across the region, state and country. The policy set forth herein has been created to unify County transportation efforts under a shared vision and implementation strategy, and to clarify its commitment to: people of all abilities; an integrated and fully interconnected transportation system that utilizes a variety of modes; and safety, health, mobility and connectivity for all residents and businesses.

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Victoria Reinhardt, Chair

By: [Signature] Janet M. Guthrie Chief Clerk - County Board

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This policy shall apply to all transportation corridors and projects under County jurisdiction and guide the County in partnering with local, regional and state agencies and the community at large.

Ramsey County's core transportation principles are:

- Ensuring equitable access to people of all abilities to use the county's transportation network
Ensuring safety for all when using the county's transportation network
Implementing an integrated and fully interconnected transportation system utilizing a variety of modes
Aligning all transportation principles and policies with comprehensive planning
Incorporating sensitivity to environment and context in all transportation planning
Incorporating meaningful engagement with communities.

These principles are to be applied to a hierarchy of prioritized transportation system users that ensures that the most vulnerable users of the transportation network are always considered first during transportation planning and implementation:

- Pedestrians
People Who Bike
People Who Use Transit
Drivers/Parkers
Freight Operators.

Planning, design, and implementation will follow applicable standards and best practices. Inclusive dialogue and evaluation, with decisions being transparent and based on authentic engagement with our communities, will guide the implementation of projects."

And, Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to develop administrative policies and procedures to implement the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy.

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Chief Clerk - County Board