

# Resolution No. 987-16

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the Director of Capital Projects to establish and consult with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in order to carry out the goals of the Complete and Green Streets ordinance, Climate Action Plan, Master Bikeway Implementation Plan, and other plans that impact biking and walking.

**Council Member Brancatelli**

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is striving to promote high level of bicycle use for transportation and recreation through the passage of the Complete and Green Streets Ordinance No. 798-11, passed September 19, 2011 and effective January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance provides for the consideration of Complete and Green Street elements in all construction projects within the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Streets address the livability and environmental needs of our community with multipurpose streets that better accommodate walkers, cyclists, and public transportation while reducing the environmental impact of our transportation infrastructure by incorporating green infrastructure strategies to reduce waste, storm water run-off and energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has also adopted a Bikeway Master Plan, Bikeway Implementation Plan and numerous other planning studies that outline strategies for improving our city for people to ride a bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has developed a substantial system of bicycle facilities to enhance and encourage the use of bicycles as a healthy, efficient mode of transportation having minimal environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland wishes to enhance the use of bicycles for transportation and recreation by promoting efforts in the areas of bicycle education, enforcement, engineering and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has adopted a Climate Action Plan that includes goals to increase bicycle ridership and improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has adopted a district-wide Safe Routes to School Travel plan that includes strategies and programs to increase the number of students biking to school safely; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland has successfully launched a large scale, formal bike share system that will increase ridership and provide empirical data that will guide future bicycle facility planning and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, many residents and organizations in Cleveland possess knowledge and expertise in the areas of bicycle transportation and recreation which would be beneficial to the City administration; and

WHEREAS, the Complete and Green Streets ordinance authorized the Director of Capital Projects to consult an advisory committee to include representatives of all effected City Departments, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to review the improvement and any requests for exemptions from the Complete and Green Streets guidelines and, upon consultation with other City Departments and the Council Member in the affected ward, approve exemptions where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, in addition to reviewing improvement exemptions from the Complete and Green Streets guidelines, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will recommend policies to

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improve safety and encourage more Clevelanders to ride bikes and walk, and encourage input from citizens and local advocates; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland City Council is committed to working with the Director of Capital Projects and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to create a network of Complete and Green Streets that will improve the economic, environmental and social well-being of citizens; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Council urges the Director of Capital Projects to establish and consult with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in order to carry out the goals of the Complete and Green Streets ordinance, Climate Action Plan, Master Bikeway Implementation Plan, and other plans that impact biking and walking.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Jacob VanSickle, Executive Director, Bike Cleveland.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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