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RESOLUTION 51194

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR TREASURER

REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL APPROVE AND ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE EAST BATON ROUGE AS ENUMERATED BY THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "A COMPLETE STREETS VISION AND POLICY STATEMENT", THAT WILL ENCOURAGE HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIVING, REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL USE, AND IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE BY PROVIDING SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND COMFORTABLE ROUTES FOR WALKING, BICYCLING, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE MOTORIZED VEHICLES. THIS POLICY WILL BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014.

Whereas, the Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan, FUTUREBR, directs Baton Rouge to create a Complete Streets Program that is a collaborative, interdisciplinary decision-making process which supports the creation of streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians and people of all ages and abilities, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

Whereas, the FUTUREBR Strategic Implementation Plan establishes the need to "initiate and implement a Complete Streets Program"; and

Whereas, the creation of Complete Streets is a important component of Smart Growth providing citizens with mobility alternatives; and

Whereas, the Federal Highway Administration, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the Capital Region Planning Commission, and numerous other state transportation agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, counties and municipalities nationwide have recognized the importance of Complete Streets policies or have adopted Complete Streets programs; and

Whereas, the City-Parish, having recently acquired Government Street intending to implement and incorporate Complete Streets practices; and

Whereas, the planning of the Nicholson Drive Corridor to include Complete Streets design components will foster the development of significant transit upgrades; and

Whereas, the principles exemplified by these projects can serve as a model for future street design throughout the Parish and improve the livability of all neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, it is the intent of Mayor-President Melvin L. 'Kip' Holden and the Metropolitan Council in enacting this Resolution to establish a Complete Streets Policy, enumerated by the document entitled "A Complete Streets Vision and Policy Statement", for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge that will encourage healthy, active living, reduce fossil fuel use, and improve the safety and quality of life of residents of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge by providing safe, convenient, and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling, public transportation, and commercial and private motorized vehicles. This Policy will be effective December 1, 2014.