

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "COMPLETE STREETS" WITHIN THE WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, the North Carolina Board of Transportation passed a resolution supporting bicycling and walking accommodations as routine parts of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's planning, design, construction, and operations activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 23 Section 652.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations states, "The safe accommodation of pedestrians and bicyclists should be given full consideration during the development of Federal-aid highway projects, and during the construction of such projects;" and

**WHEREAS**, "Complete Streets" are safe and convenient for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit riders, and motor vehicle drivers of all ages and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation projects that support and invite multiple uses, including safe and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit, are more conducive to the efficient and safe movement of people than transportation projects designed primarily to move private motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the full integration of all modes in the design of transportation projects will increase the capacity and efficiency of the transportation network, reduce traffic congestion by improving mobility options, reduce motor vehicle emissions, and improve the general quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the design and construction of new transportation facilities should anticipate future demand for bicycling, walking, and public transit service and not preclude the provision of future accommodations.

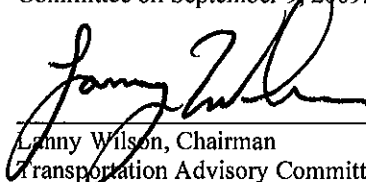
**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee that all transportation projects, including design, planning, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, or operations, within the Wilmington MPO's planning area boundary shall be designed in a balanced, responsible, and equitable way to accommodate and encourage travel by bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

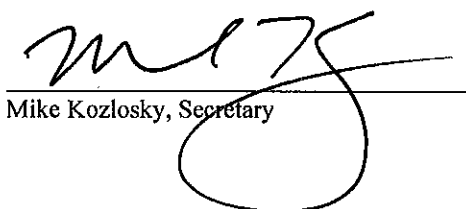
This "Complete Streets" policy shall allow for exemptions only if:

1. bicycle, pedestrian facilities and transit facilities are prohibited by law, or
2. cost of complete streets facilities are excessive or disproportionate to the need or probable use, or
3. sparsity of population and employment and/or level of transit service indicates an absence of future need.

All exemptions shall be supported by the governing body of the municipality in which the transportation project is located. In the case of unincorporated areas, the Board of County Commissioners shall be the exempting body.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on September 9, 2009.

  
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Lenny Wilson, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

  
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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary