

## RESOLUTION NO. 1877

### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SAFE & ACCESSIBLE STREET POLICY

**Whereas**, the City of Shelby is committed to developing and maintaining a safe, accessible, efficient, balanced and environmentally sound transportation system, supporting integrated physical activity into daily routines such as biking or walking; and

**Whereas**, the City of Shelby has a Safe Routes to School program in order to create safer and more accessible pathways for children to walk and bike to school; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shelby has a sidewalk program, trail system, and other practices designed to improve the ability of Shelby's streets to meet the travel needs of all users; and

**Whereas**, the City of Shelby is concerned about providing facilities that enhance safety, mobility, accessibility and convenience for its growing number of senior citizens and people with disabilities; and

**Whereas**, Safe and Accessible Streets is in line with the City's goal of enhancing the health, safety and well-being of all its citizens;

**Now Therefore**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Shelby, Montana establish a Safe & Accessible Streets Policy.

**Purpose:** The City of Shelby shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction, retrofit or reconstruction projects. Through ongoing operations and maintenance, the City of Shelby shall identify cost effective opportunities to include Safe and Accessible Streets elements.

**Definition:** Safe and Accessible Streets are comprised of many different elements; these elements may include, but are not limited to: sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, curb-cuts, wide shoulders, medians, accessible public transit facilities, audible pedestrian signals, sidewalk bulb-outs, trails, appropriate speed limits, stormwater drainage, trees and other landscaping options, appropriate lane widths, lighting, on-street parking and more.

Applicable design standards and best practices will be followed in conjunction with construction, reconstruction, changes in allocation of pavement space on an existing roadway or other changes in street corridor. The planning, design and implementation processes for all transitway and roadway corridors will:

- Involve the local community and stakeholders

- Consider the function of the road
- Integrate innovative and non-traditional design options
- Consider transitway corridor alignment and station areas
- Assess the current and future needs of corridor users
- Include documentation of efforts to accommodate all modes and all users
- Incorporate a review of existing system plans to identify safe & efficient street opportunities.

The City of Shelby will implement safe & accessible streets unless one or more of the following conditions are documented:

- The cost of establishing safe & accessible street elements is excessive in relation to the total project cost.
- The street jurisdiction (Toole County or the Montana Department of Transportation) refuses suggested plans or there is a lack of community support.
- There are safety risks that cannot be overcome.
- The corridor has severe topographic, environmental, historic or natural resource constraints.

The City of Shelby will work with other transportation agencies to incorporate this philosophy of safe and accessible streets.

It is recognized that given the limited number of new streets constructed in Shelby, flexibility in accommodating different modes of travel on existing streets is essential to balancing the needs of corridor users. Therefore, safe & accessible streets will not look the same in all settings and will not necessarily include exclusive elements for all modes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the city council of the City of Shelby, Montana, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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LARRY J. BONDERUD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TERI RUFF, FINANCE OFFICER

I, Teri Ruff, finance officer for the City of Shelby, Montana, hereby certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013, copies of the above resolution were posted as follows: (1) Lobby of City Hall, (2) Lobby of Toole County Courthouse, and (3) Lobby of Toole County Sheriff's Office.

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Teri Ruff, Finance Officer