**Two Sample Resolutions Supporting Non-Motorized Plans**

(For educational and general informational purposes; please consult appropriate professional counsel.)

**EXAMPLE ONE**

*Example one is based on a resolution unanimously passed by Kalamazoo County Commissioners on December 20, 2016. Additional clauses can make note of your own jurisdiction’s support of non-motorized development, such as support for the Kalamazoo Area River Valley Trail and your existing non-motorized network.*

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) included and adopted a well thought-out non-motorized plan covering our entire metropolitan planning organization (entitled, the Non-Motorized Element, beginning on page 117 in the KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan), that was reviewed and vetted through an open and systematic public process by community stakeholders, KATS staff, and KATS Technical and Policy Committees, which Committees duly represent the Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County and the vast majority of Kalamazoo County’s Cities, Townships and Villages; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution that endorsed and incorporated by reference the Non-Motorized Element of the KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as its own; and

WHEREAS, **[Jurisdiction Name]** recognizes that many Cities, Townships and Villages within the County either have adopted non-motorized plans of their own or are in the process of considering or actively developing and implementing non-motorized plans that include connectivity to and through **[Jurisdiction Name]** in a spirit of mutual support and cooperation for an integrated transportation network that will bring positive attention and many other benefits to our own and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, **[Jurisdiction Name]** recognizes that an important aspect of fiscal prudence is to make use of and build on resources which already exist; and

WHEREAS, **[Jurisdiction Name]** believes that it is important and beneficial to continue to add its voice, support and encouragement to discussions surrounding non-motorized planning, taking action where feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **[Jurisdiction Name]**: endorses and incorporates by reference the Non-Motorized Element within the KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as **[Jurisdiction Name’s]** own Non-Motorized Plan to the extent it is in concert with related plans of our own; supports its implementation through all the related jurisdictions and encourages the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County and all other local transportation agencies to likewise support and implement the KATS Non-Motorized Element in a balanced fashion while encouraging each other to do likewise in the highest traditions of intergovernmental collaboration.

Based on a resolution adopted unanimously by Kalamazoo (MI) County Commission as Consent Agenda Item BB, December 20, 2016 (<https://www.kalcounty.com/userfiles/boc/minutes/12-20-16minboc.pdf>).

**EXAMPLE TWO**

**The following is text based on a resolution unanimously passed by the Portage City Council on November 15, 2016. Since Portage had adopted their own non-motorized plan previously, the purpose of the Portage resolution was to add a goal to implement “Map 7: Proposed Commuter Bike Routes” to Portage’s existing plan.**

**Clauses from the two examples could be combined to form additional resolutions, as well.**

Whereas, **[our jurisdiction’s]** representatives on the Technical and Policy Committees of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) have consistently expressed support for KATS policies and plans that take into consideration the needs of all legal users of the roads and their rights of ways, including both motorized and non-motorized users.

Whereas, bicycling is considered to be a responsible means of travel, reducing greenhouse gases and our community carbon footprint; and

Whereas, bicycling provides a healthy and energy efficient alternative to motorized transportation; and

Whereas, **[our jurisdiction]** has many miles of streets that are being used and enjoyed by bicyclists, which also could be viewed as a potential amenity that could be more visibly promoted and marketed as part of **[our juridiction’s]** long place-making, marketing and economic development efforts; and

Whereas, in order to provide for safety and good health **[our jurisdiction],** and its citizens encourage courtesy and safety as users of the public ways sharing the road; and

Whereas, **[our jurisdiction’s]** leadership in promoting bicycling, for all the benefits it brings, is connected with playing our part in developing the region’s transportation network; and,

Whereas, on April 27, 2016 Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) adopted a plan for a network of bike routes throughout our metropolitan planning organization (MPO) identified in “Map 7: Proposed Commuter Bike Route Network” (“Map 7”) that, once implemented, will connect **[our jurisdiction]** to other jurisdictions throughout the KATS metropolitan planning organization; and,

WHEREAS, **[Jurisdiction Name]** recognizes that an important aspect of fiscal prudence is to make use of and build on resources which already exist; and

Whereas, **[our jurisdiction]**, through awareness-building, education and enforcement, wishes to improve the safety of bicyclists on our roads by fostering a “share-the-road” spirit of mutual respect throughout our own jurisdiction and the greater community; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that **[our jurisdiction]** commits to support and encourage implementation of “Map 7: Proposed Commuter Bike Routes” network adopted in the Non-Motorized Element in KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

See <http://portagemi.boardsync.com/web/Player.aspx?id=83&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0> for more information about the original City of Portage (MI) resolution.