

RESOLUTION

THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CMCOG) ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT THE *BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS PLAN* IN ORDER TO ADVANCE BICYCLING AND WALKING VIABLE MODAL CHOICES IN THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGION

WHEREAS, increasing walking and bicycling offers the potential for cleaner air, greater health of the population, reduced traffic congestion, more livable communities, less reliance on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources, and more efficient use of road space and resources; and

WHEREAS, federal policies (i.e. SAFETEA-LU & TEA-21) encourage governments to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations routinely in their programmed roadway projects; and bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs are eligible for funding from almost all of the major Federal-aid funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission is strongly committed to improving conditions for walking and bicycling; and that in January 2003 affirmed bicycling and walking accommodations be made a routine part of SCDOT's planning, design, construction and operating activities and will be included in the everyday operations of our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, that the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission requires South Carolina counties and municipalities to make bicycling and pedestrian improvements an integral part of their transportation planning and programming where State and Federal Highway funding is utilized; and

WHEREAS, the CMCOG Board of Directors on March 23, 2006 adopted the CMCOG *Bike and Pedestrian Pathways Plan* to meet federal and state requirements to include bike and pedestrian planning and programming as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning process; and

WHEREAS, the CMCOG *Bike and Pedestrian Pathways Plan* envisions and encourages walking and cycling as viable modes of transportation, in order to reduce the dependence on the use of automobiles and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the CMCOG *Bike and Pedestrian Pathways Plan* outlines a set of early-action strategies and projects within the region that are conducive to the number of trips that can be taken by bicyclists and pedestrians; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *{member government}* fully endorses the strategies, projects and principles as outlined in the CMCOG *Bike and Pedestrian Pathways Plan*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the *{member government}* specifically requests that the Departmental Supervisors use whatever means available to promote bicycling and walking as a public planning effort and viable means of transportation.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2007.

{member government}, SOUTH CAROLINA

{person name}, Chairman
{member government} Council

ATTEST:

{person name}
Clerk to Council