

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 198 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCOTT OGILVIE,**
2 **ALDERWOMAN LYDA KEWSON, ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN,**
3 **ALDERMAN SHANE COHN, ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA**
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5 An ordinance repealing Ordinance 68663, codified as Chapter 3.110.120 of the Revised
6 Code of the City of St. Louis and in lieu thereof enacting a new ordinance relating to a
7 "complete streets" policy for the City of St. Louis, stating guiding principles and
8 practices so that transportation improvements are planned, designed and constructed to
9 encourage walking, bicycling and transit use while promoting safe operations for all
10 users.

11 WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes that all people have a right to access
12 safe and comfortable transportation facilities, regardless of mode of transportation, age,
13 ability, income, race, or gender; and

14 WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage walking, bicycling and transit use as
15 safe, convenient and widely available modes of transportation for all people; and

16 WHEREAS, the USDOT's policy is to incorporate safe and convenient walking
17 and bicycling facilities into transportation projects, and encourages transportation
18 agencies to move beyond the minimum requirements and proactively provide convenient,
19 safe, and context-sensitive facilities that foster increased use by pedestrians and bicyclists
20 of all ages and abilities, and utilize universal designing characteristics; and

21 WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2025, the portion of
22 Missouri residents over 65 shall increase from 14% to 20%, and will need the public
23 right-of-way to better serve them with safe places to walk, bicycle, or access mass transit;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, the City desires to update a "Complete Streets" policy which is to be
2 used as a guiding principle in the design, operation and maintenance of City streets to
3 promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users including pedestrians,
4 bicyclists, motorists, transit riders, and people of all abilities;

5 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

6 **SECTION ONE.** Ordinance 68663, codified as Chapter 3.110.120 of the Revised Code
7 of the City of St. Louis is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following provisions are
8 enacted:

9 **SECTION TWO.** Complete Streets Policy

10 This ordinance sets forth the guiding principles and practices that shall be used in the
11 City of St. Louis transportation projects. The City of St. Louis shall develop a safe,
12 reliable, efficient, integrated, accessible and connected multimodal transportation system
13 that shall equally promote access, mobility and health for all users.

14 **SECTION THREE. Definitions**

15 1. "Complete Streets" means a transportation corridor that is planned, designed,
16 operated, and maintained for all users. Complete streets are planned, designed, and
17 operated to enable safe accessible travel for all users with a goal towards creating an
18 integrated network of complete streets. Transportation improvements, facilities and
19 amenities that may contribute to complete streets and that are considered as elements of a
20 complete street are: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian access
21 routes and crossings, allocation of right of way to pedestrian and bicycle travel, street and
22 sidewalk lighting, pedestrian and bicycle facilities; access management; ADA compliant
23 transit stops and stations; context sensitive landscaping, utility relocations, street
24 amenities, and accessible connections to adjacent land uses.

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1 2. "Users" means individuals that use streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists,
2 motorists, public transportation riders and drivers, emergency responders, freight
3 providers and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older
4 adults and individuals with disabilities.

5 3. "Pedestrian" means:

6 (a) A person who is on foot; or

7 (b) A person who is using any means of conveyance propelled by human power
8 other than a bicycle; or

9 (c) A person who is using an electric personal assistive mobility device; or

10 (d) A person who is operating a self-propelled wheelchair, motorized tricycle, or
11 motorized quadricycle to act as a pedestrian and, by reason of physical disability, is
12 otherwise restricted in movement as or unable to move about on foot.

13 **SECTION FOUR. Scope of Complete Streets Applicability**

14 1. The City of St. Louis shall routinely plan, design, operate, and maintain its streets
15 and sidewalks for all users and approach transportation improvements as an opportunity
16 to create safer, more connected, more accessible streets for all users by implementing
17 Complete Streets elements in transportation projects. These elements provide appropriate
18 accommodation for pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists, motorists, and persons of all
19 abilities, regardless of age, while promoting safe operation for all users, in a context
20 sensitive manner in relation to the surrounding community.

21 2. All transportation facilities owned by the City of St. Louis in the public right of
22 way including, but not limited to, streets, bridges and all other connecting sidewalks and
23 pathways shall be designed, constructed, and operated so that users of all ages, abilities,
24 and modes of transportation can travel safely and independently. This includes, but is not

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1 limited to, the establishment of one or more complete streets features such as sidewalks,
2 refuge islands, bulbouts, pedestrian and traffic signals, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks,
3 bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, multi-use paths, traffic-calming devices, bicycle parking
4 facilities, signage, street trees and landscaping, public transportation stops and facilities,
5 and other infrastructure designs which enhance safety, in conjunction with construction,
6 reconstruction, or other investment to a transportation facility.

7 3. The City of St. Louis shall incorporate complete streets principles into public
8 strategic plans, standards, manuals, rules, regulations and programs..

9 4. The City of St. Louis recognizes that Complete Streets will be achieved through
10 single or multiple elements incorporated into a particular project, and improvements will
11 occur incrementally over time.

12 **SECTION FIVE. Implementation**

13 The City of St. Louis shall make Complete Streets integral to everyday transportation
14 decision-making practices and processes. To this end:

15 1. The City of St. Louis shall establish an inter-departmental steering committee to
16 oversee the implementation of this policy. The committee shall include Directors or their
17 designees from the Departments of Streets, Planning and Urban Design, Board of Public
18 Service, Health Department, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, and the
19 Office of the Disabled. It shall be called the Complete Streets Steering Committee and
20 fulfill the following duties:

21 (a) Meet at least quarterly;

22 (b) Develop short-term and long-term steps and planning necessary to create a
23 comprehensive and integrated transportation network serving the needs of all users;

24 (c) Assess potential obstacles to implementing Complete Streets practices;

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1 (d) Develop an action plan to more fully integrate complete streets principles into
2 appropriate policy documents, plans, project selection processes, design manuals and
3 maintenance procedures;

4 (e) Provide an annual written report and presentation to the Board of Aldermen
5 showing progress made in implementing this policy.

6 2. Collaborate with internal and external transportation stakeholders to identify
7 performance measures and establish benchmarks.

8 3. When available, the City of St. Louis shall provide nationally recognized
9 professional development and training on non-motorized transportation issues for staff
10 through conferences, classes, seminars, and workshops such as those delivered by
11 professional planning and engineering organizations.

12 4. The City of St. Louis shall identify areas that are most deficient or dangerous for
13 users based on injury and fatality data. A prioritized list of such areas will annually be
14 presented to the Board of Alderman to assist in prioritizing public infrastructure
15 improvements.

16 5. The City of St. Louis shall identify critical areas lacking pedestrian or ADA
17 access, including bus stops, MetroLink stations, trail access, commercial centers, and
18 connections between neighborhoods, and make recommendations to remove barriers and
19 improve access and safety.

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