



RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston recognizes that streets are our most prominent public spaces and great streets must achieve a balance between mobility needs, adjoining land uses, environment and community interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston is committed to creating thoroughfares that safely accommodate all modes of transportation including bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit and motorized vehicles in a manner sensitive to the context of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the Charleston population do not have access to a personal automobile and for reasons such as age, economics, or ability to drive, the only alternative transportation options to them are walking, bicycling or using public transit; and

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors choose to walk, bicycle or take public transit as convenient, economical or sustainable alternatives to driving a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking, bicycling, and the use of transit offers the potential to improve the health of a community, decrease congestion, decrease air pollution, decrease dependence on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources and increase the efficiency of road space and transportation resources; and

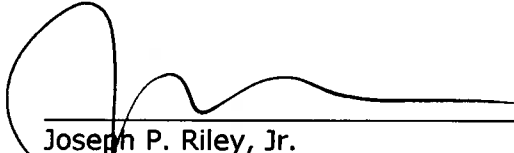
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation in a February 2003 resolution requires South Carolina counties and municipalities to make bicycling and pedestrian improvements an integral part of their transportation planning and programming where State or Federal Highway funding is utilized; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian, bicycle, public transit and motorized vehicle facilities will be implemented through subdivision and development design standards and public street construction and reconstruction projects;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON affirm that in making decisions relating to the planning, design and maintenance of public street projects or public street reconstruction projects, the City shall ensure the accommodation of travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers is a regular part of the permitting process for such public street construction and/or reconstruction projects.

RESOLVED this 19th day of August, 2008, in City Council Chambers.



Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST:  Taryn J. Norman, Assistant Clerk
 for Vanessa Turner-Maybank
Clerk of Council