

## RESOLUTION 2019-01

A resolution supporting the Comprehensive Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

**WHEREAS,** *St. Charles Parish 2030*, the Parish's comprehensive land use plan adopted June 20, 2011, makes a recommendation to "promote pedestrian and bicycle mobility throughout the Parish, with expanded provision of sidewalks, paths, and trails and encouragement of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly streets and land use development patterns;" and

**WHEREAS,** in November 2014 the Parish and the Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes applied for a grant to complete a bicycle and pedestrian master plan with recommendations for policies, programs, and street treatments to promote safe pedestrian and bicycle mobility; and

**WHEREAS,** in November 2016, the Regional Planning Commission contracted with a consultant team led by All South Consulting Engineers, LLC to complete the plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the consultant team created a steering committee and engaged stakeholders and citizens in a robust public outreach program including interviews, surveys, focus groups, and public meetings to review existing roadway conditions and destination points, recreation and land use plans, as well as local, state, and federal policies and best practices for developing bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** stakeholders and citizens helped to identify three main goals for the plan: to improve safety, increase transportation options, and spur economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** stakeholders and citizens helped to identify road and trail segments as well as destination nodes that will create a safe and connected network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the goals and recommendations are laid out in the plan which also provides examples of for policies and programs as well as cost estimates and potential funding sources to implement and maintain roadway and trail improvements; and,

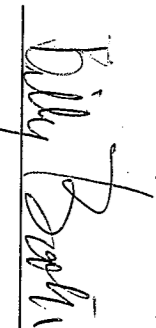
**WHEREAS,** the draft plan is currently under review by the steering committee, the Regional Planning Commission, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the St. Charles Parish Council, and Parish Administrators and Departments

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**, supports forwarding the *St. Charles Parish Comprehensive Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan* to the Parish Council for adoption with the provision that corrections may be made through the review period.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

*unanimously in favor with all members present.*

The resolution was declared adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day January, 2019.

  
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Billy Booth, Chairman  
St. Charles Parish Planning and Zoning Commission