Introduced by Council Member Newby and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Cumber and Morgan:

RESOLUTION 2019-653-A

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, and accessible transportation for all users is a priority of the City of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" is a flexible, context sensitive, multi-modal approach that implements a comprehensive transportation system that is designed, built, operated, and maintained to enable safe and convenient travel for people of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, users of public transportation, and movers of freight and commercial goods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville's Context Sensitive Streets policy, as stated in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the 2030 Mobility Plan, supports and encourages alternate modes of transportation such as walking, biking and transit use as safe, convenient and widely available and to encourage design standards and planning efforts that take into account the diversity, scale, physical assets and character of neighborhoods and adjacent land uses; and

WHEREAS, to further this policy, in 2013, the City established the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Context Sensitive Streets Standards Committee, supported by the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Public Works, has made

substantial progress revising City policies, ordinances, procedures manuals and standards manuals to incorporate context sensitive design principles;

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WHEREAS, in 2019, the City adopted the City of Jacksonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan ("Master Plan") which developed a prioritized network of recommended bicycle facilities for public roads within the city and established guidelines for evaluating and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian improvements through the city; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan identified four projects for implementation, the Soutel Drive Road Diet, the Phoenix Neighborhood Systematic Neighborhood Action Plan for Pedestrians, installation of signalized pedestrian crossings, and the Fuller Warren Bridge waterfront trail loop development and enhancement, each of these projects are included in the City's adopted Capital Improvement Plan and are partially or fully funded, with full funding programmed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida promotes and encourages the adoption of Complete Streets policies that are unique and specific to each locality throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has adopted a Complete Streets policy; and

WHEREAS, the City affirms its commitment to a Complete Streets policy to supplement its existing Context Sensitive Streets policy and context sensitive design principles and encourages safe, equitable, reliable, efficient, intergraded and a connected system of streets that promotes access, mobility and health for all people;

WHEREAS, the Council supports adoption and implementation of the Complete Streets policy by the City and desires to formally show its support; now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Complete Streets Policy. The following shall
be the Complete Streets policy of the City of Jacksonville:

- (a) All City of Jacksonville transportation projects shall create context sensitive streets that allow safe and convenient transportation and appropriately balances the needs of all users, and ensures consistency with existing City of Jacksonville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Mobility Plan,
- (b) All City departments in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of all capital improvement, preservation, repair, and maintenance projects adjacent to or within the public right of way, shall take a comprehensive and integrated approach that considers and appropriately balances the needs of all users to include but not limited to: motor vehicle operators, public transportation services, bicyclists, pedestrians, users with different abilities with a focus on developing a connected, integrated network to achieve the overall purpose of Complete Streets,
- (c) This policy shall apply to all new construction and reconstruction of streets and bridges that are constructed or funded by the City or dedicated and accepted by the City for operation and maintenance,
- (d) When transportation projects, as outlined in this policy occur, accommodations shall be made for all modes of transportation to continue to use the road safely and efficiently during any construction or repair work that infringes on the right of way and/or sidewalk.
- Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

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