CITY OF LAKE ELMO WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-005

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A STATEWIDE "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY AND A MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-LED "COMPLETE STREETS" PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the "Complete Streets" concept promotes roads that are safe and accessible for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vehicles, commercial and emergency vehicles, and people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo recognizes the importance of safe roads for all users, as shown in its current and previous Comprehensive Plans; no therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo That the City Council supports passage of Complete Streets legislation that:

- Declares Complete Streets as a policy of the state to be implemented by MN/DOT through a partnership that includes local governments and other stakeholders, while encouraging but not requiring local governments to implement their own Complete Streets policies;
- Clearly defines Complete Streets as a context-sensitive approach for travel along and across roads that reasonably addresses the safety and accessibility needs of all transportation users regardless of age or ability, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and commercial and emergency vehicles, and recognizes that needs vary in urban, suburban, and rural settings;
- Offers an evaluation program where local governments have the option of increased road design flexibility by offering the nationally recognized and engineer-created American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets as an acceptable alternative to the State-Aid Standards; and
- Requires MN/DOT to report back to the legislature on implementation of Complete Streets to ensure transparency and accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo supports the efforts of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to work in partnership with local governments and other stakeholders to implement a state Complete Streets policy and affirms its intention to be an active partner with MN/DOT in support of Complete Street opportunities on state roads within its jurisdiction.

Mayor

Bruce A. Messelt City Administrator

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