

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO BIKEWALKOKC, COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, City Council established Council Priorities that guide decisions and investments to improve the quality of life for all residents, and one of these Council Priorities is to “develop a transportation system that works for all residents,” which further commits to “become more pedestrian and cyclist friendly through better planning, design and construction of complete streets, sidewalks, and trails”; and

WHEREAS, plan**okc**, the comprehensive plan for the City of Oklahoma City, was adopted in 2015, and serves as a policy document used by city leaders, developers, business owners, and citizens to make decisions about future growth, development, policy, and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, connect**okc**, the transportation element of plan**okc**, defines several goals and initiatives, including to create a destination-based priority bike network, update and continue to implement the Trails Master Plan, improve trail connections to streets and destinations, and develop a major pedestrian system plan; and

WHEREAS, plan**okc** contains multiple policy recommendations to implement its goals and initiatives, including policy C-24, “create and implement a citywide bicycle and pedestrian master plan”; and

WHEREAS, bikewalk**okc** is the fulfillment of this direction, and is the City of Oklahoma City’s first comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian master plan; and

WHEREAS, bikewalk**okc**, was adopted in 2018, and serves as Oklahoma City’s bicycle and pedestrian capital improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, Planning Department staff initiated the plan update process in the summer of 2021 by establishing an advisory group comprised of a diverse cross-section of local experts, advocates, City officials, and professionals from the private, public, and non-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, planners conducted a broad public outreach and engagement campaign, which included a resident survey, several public outreach events and meetings, and an online presence; and

WHEREAS, utilizing public and stakeholder input, field and resident surveys, data analysis, and best practices, the plan recommends a prioritization rationale and strategic capital improvement projects that will create a well-connected pedestrian, bicycle, and trail network; and

WHEREAS, as the plan’s recommendations are implemented over time as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City residents will benefit from improved health outcomes and quality of life as they engage in more active lifestyles using an active transportation system that connects residents to transit and ultimately the places they need to go without relying on a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Oklahoma City voted unanimously to adopt bikewalk**okc**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of The City of Oklahoma City does hereby adopt the 2024 bikewalk**okc** update.

APPROVED by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of the City of Oklahoma City on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.



ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR