

A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.

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City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

August 4, 2009

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Resolution that approves the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan, the first citywide plan to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation. The plan establishes the policies, programs, design criteria, and projects that will enhance pedestrian safety, comfort, and access in all of Seattle's neighborhoods. The goals of the plan are to increase safety, equity, vibrancy, and health throughout the city.

The Pedestrian Master Plan was developed in close partnership with the Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group, partner agencies, and interested stakeholder groups. Staff and Advisory Group members solicited input on the draft plan at over 70 community group meetings. The Plan has garnered widespread community support for its comprehensive and innovative approach.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Please contact Barbara Gray at 206-615-0872 with questions.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Greg Nickels".

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

RESOLUTION 31157

A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan establishes transportation goals and policies for implementation through the Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) including: making the best use of the streets we have to move people and goods; encouraging walking and bicycling as an easy and healthy way to get around; making the most of new transportation investments; protecting city infrastructure; connecting to the region; planning for and investing in urban villages; enhancing neighborhood livability; and improving the environment; and

WHEREAS, the transportation system of Seattle is an extraordinary public asset and is vital and integral to the City's economic health, environmental quality, and social and community fabric; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has a tremendous opportunity to improve health and to reduce traffic and transportation problems by providing viable transportation alternatives including walking and transit use; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution 30790, with the Mayor concurring, which approved the 2005 Transportation Strategic Plan Update that provided a set of strategies related to pedestrian travel and facilities, including the establishment of performance measures for pedestrian facilities through the development of a Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 122386 establishing a Complete Streets policy and stated the Council's intention that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) implement Complete Streets by designing, operating, and maintaining the transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and freight, in a manner consistent with and supportive of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution 30951, with the Mayor concurring, establishing the City's intent to develop a Pedestrian Master Plan and creating an ad hoc Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group to advise SDOT in formulating a proposed Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council appreciates the diligent, thoughtful, and sustained work effort by the Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group members; and

WHEREAS, SDOT staff hosted and attended numerous City-sponsored events, Neighborhood District Council and Community Council meetings, and Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory



Group meetings, including presentations to Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, Freight Mobility Advisory Committee, Seattle Design Commission, and Seattle Planning Commission, to gather input on successive drafts of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan establishes the intent to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation through the following four goals: 1) Safety: reduce the number and severity of crashes involving pedestrians; 2) Equity: make Seattle a more walkable city for all through equity in public engagement, service delivery, accessibility, and capital investments; 3) Vibrancy: develop a pedestrian environment that sustains healthy communities and supports a vibrant economy; and 4) Health: raise awareness of the important role of walking in promoting health and preventing disease; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan identifies the following six principal objectives: 1) Complete and maintain the pedestrian system identified in the Pedestrian Master Plan; 2) Improve walkability on all streets; 3) Increase pedestrian safety; 4) Plan, design, and build complete streets to move more people and goods; 5) Create vibrant public spaces that encourage walking; and 6) Get more people walking for transportation, recreation, and health; and

WHEREAS, outcomes of implementing this Plan over the next twenty years include achieving a decreasing rate of crashes involving pedestrians; reducing vehicle speeds on identified corridors; increasing participation by schools in pedestrian safety, education, and encouragement programs; achieving greater driver and pedestrian awareness of and adherence to pedestrian laws; prioritizing City investments in projects and maintenance in areas defined by the plan as High Priority Areas; increasing public engagement about pedestrian issues; increasing transit ridership; increasing mode share for walking trips (more people walking); increasing streetscape vibrancy; increasing pedestrian volumes in selected count locations; increasing the number of people getting adequate physical activity; and increasing the number of children walking or biking to or from school; and

WHEREAS, SDOT issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance for the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan on July 8, 2009; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Attachment A" and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby approved.



1 Section 2. As part of the annual budget process, the City will determine the level of
2 funding allocated for implementation of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan and the level of
3 funding for the different pedestrian-related programs. The City has been allocating a minimum
4 of \$10 million per year and intends to continue to do so in 2010, with the City striving to both
5 increase this to a minimum of \$15 million per year and identify a dedicated funding source for
6 implementation of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.
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8 Section 3. As discussed in the Pedestrian Master Plan, SDOT will use a variety of
9 balancing factors to determine which pedestrian-related projects should be implemented each
10 year, considering factors such as leveraging funding from other projects, serving particular
11 populations likely to use walking as a primary mode of transportation, improving the vitality of
12 an area, and community/neighborhood support as demonstrated, for example, by inclusion in
13 neighborhood plans. SDOT will use these balancing factors to develop an annual work program
14 that defines the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan projects, programs, and policy work to be
15 undertaken each year. SDOT's annual work program will be reviewed and endorsed by the
16 Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, who will serve as the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan
17 stewards, and then presented to City Council by January 31st of each year for review.
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19 Section 4. SDOT will work cooperatively with the Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Police
20 Department and other appropriate City departments on annual implementation of relevant
21 projects, programs and policy work contained in the annual work program.
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23 Section 5. In order to track progress on the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan
24 implementation, SDOT will prepare and submit to the City Council quarterly reports describing
25 the status of the annual work program. SDOT will also prepare a Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan
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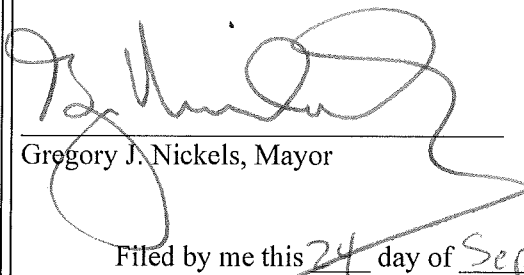


1 annual progress report covering the prior year's achievements to be reviewed and endorsed by
2 the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board and then to be presented to City Council.


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5 Adopted by the City Council the 21st day of September, 2009, and signed by me
6 in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21st day
7 of September, 2009.

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President Richard Conlin of the City Council

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11 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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13 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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15 Filed by me this 24 day of September, 2009.

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18 City Clerk

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23 Attachment A: Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan
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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.

- **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation expresses City Council's approval of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan. The Plan defines a set of near and long-term actions to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation. The Plan was created to achieve four goals:

1. **SAFETY:** Reduce the number and severity of crashes involving pedestrians;
2. **EQUITY:** Make Seattle a more walkable city for all through equity in public engagement, service delivery, accessibility, and capital investments;
3. **VIBRANCY:** Develop a pedestrian environment that sustains healthy communities and supports a vibrant economy;
4. **HEALTH:** Raise awareness of the important role of walking in promoting health and preventing disease.

The Plan defines objectives, numerous strategies, and specific actions to achieve the goals described above. The objectives are supported by strategic performance measures that will enable the City to monitor progress over time.

The Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group as well as citywide pedestrian and community interest groups support this action to approve the Plan.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The City's Comprehensive Plan establishes goals and policies that relate to walking in Seattle, including improving public health, reducing traffic and transportation problems by providing viable transportation alternatives such as walking, improving environmental quality by getting people out of their cars, and enhancing neighborhood livability. In 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution 30790, which approved the 2005 Transportation Strategic Plan Update that includes a set of strategies related to walking and pedestrian facilities, including the establishment of performance measures for pedestrian facilities through development of a Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan. The Bridging the Gap transportation levy was passed by public vote in



late 2006, providing funding over nine years for transportation improvements and maintenance activities, including the construction of new sidewalks and walkways, crossing improvements, and other safety improvements. In 2007, the City Council passed Ordinance 122386 establishing a Complete Streets policy, which includes designing, operating, and maintaining a transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians as well as other modes of travel.

The Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan was developed over the past 18 months in close partnership with the Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group, partner agencies, and interested stakeholder groups. Over 1,400 people responded to a walking preferences survey to guide the key issues the Plan addresses. Staff attended over 70 community group meetings and hosted two citywide events. The primary means to disseminate the Plan is through the City's website and over 7,000 downloads of the Plan Summary occurred during the eight-week public comment period. More than 250 comments were received and considered on the draft Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.

- *Please check one of the following:*

X This legislation does not have any financial implications.

Approving the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan has no fiscal implications. Appropriations to support Plan implementation have been made in the 2009 Adopted Budget through Bridging the Gap funds. Future appropriations will be made as part of subsequent years' budget processes.



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Attachement A to Resolution No. 31157

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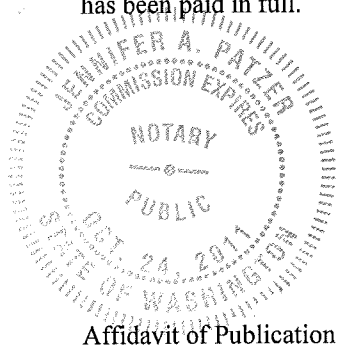
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