

RESOLUTION NO. 6517

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY ON BIKE LANES ON COLLECTOR STREETS

WHEREAS BIKE LANES are defined as a separate lane space within a roadway, designated for exclusive use by bicycles, and clearly marked as such, and

WHEREAS BIKE LANES carry cyclists to various areas of the community, linking destinations and providing access across barriers, and

WHEREAS BIKE LANES are designed with the commuter cyclist in mind but also increase the comfort level of roadways for novice student cyclists, and

WHEREAS BIKE LANES are ideal for roadways that are designated as COLLECTOR streets, and

WHEREAS the characteristics of COLLECTOR streets are moderate traffic volumes, adequate pavement widths, equal proportionality between access and mobility, relatively continuous cross urban travel, spaced approximately one mile apart, provided with traffic signals at intersections with ARTERIAL streets, and potential for multi-modal connections, and

WHEREAS it is most economical to provide BIKE LANES in conjunction with development, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE KANSAS:

Section 1. The governing body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas hereby establishes this policy guideline for bike lanes on collector streets.

Nothing in this policy establishes a duty upon the City to provide bike lanes within the city. The guidelines established in this policy resolution shall be discretionary with the City of Lawrence, Kansas and the governing body of the City and nothing herein shall be construed to establish a duty upon the City to install, establish or maintain the facilities. The interpretation of this policy resolution shall provide for the complete discretion of the governing body in determining the appropriateness of installing and maintaining bike lanes. The existence of areas without bike lanes when such facilities are suggested as appropriate by the policy guidelines of this resolution shall not create a duty or burden upon the City to provide such facilities.

The governing body may provide facilities as it solely determines appropriate taking into account such factors as it deems appropriate including but not limited to the

recommendation of professional staff, available funds and future monetary resources, the burden on the traveling public, and the guidelines established in this policy resolution.

Section 2. Bike Lane Policy

1. BIKE LANES shall be provided on all COLLECTOR streets designated for Bicycle lanes on the Bicycle Facilities Map in the Bicycle Facilities Plan, and amendments thereto.
2. The developer of the adjacent property shall provide for the additional width of roadway necessary to accommodate bike lanes at the time of construction of any new COLLECTOR street, or at the time of reconstruction or widening or any existing COLLECTOR street, when said street is designated for bicycle lanes, by the developer of the adjacent property.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this 14th day of October 2003.

APPROVED

David M. Dunfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank S. Reeb, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality

David L. Corliss
Director of Legal Services

Date