

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-4998
DESIGNING LIVABLE STREETS AND TRAILS)	
GUIDE AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF)	Introduced by Acting Chief Operating Officer
OPERATING OFFICER TO APPLY THE GUIDE)	Andrew Scott with the concurrence of
TO PROJECTS FUNDED BY METRO)	Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, the Metro Charter identifies regional planning functions as the primary functions of Metro and requires Metro to adopt a regional framework plan to address, among other things, regional transportation and mass transit systems; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 95-625A, the Metro Council adopted the 2040 Growth Concept, which triggered the need for development of street design standards, and in Resolution No. 96-2288 the Metro Council resolved that the Urban Growth Management functional plan (UGM) should be prepared to implement the 2040 Growth Concept; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 97-715B, the Metro Council adopted the Regional Framework Plan (RFP), which included regional street design classifications (centers, corridors, stations communities, and main streets) to implement the land uses in the 2040 Growth Concept; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Metro developed creating livable streets guidance, which linked land use and transportation and which provided street design guidance to support goals adopted in the 2040 Growth Concept and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Metro developed green streets and green trails guidance to support implementation of Title 3 and Title 13 of the UGM; and

WHEREAS, subsequent versions of the RTP, including the 2018 RTP adopted by the Metro Council in Ordinance No. 18-1421, have included regional design classifications and related maps; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 14-1346B, the Metro Council adopted the Climate Smart Strategy, which calls for developing a complete streets network to help meet state-required targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light-duty vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Metro Council directed staff to create a regional work group to provide input and technical expertise regarding development of updated and new regional street and trail guidance as part of the 2018 RTP update; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, Metro staff began developing the Designing Livable Streets and Trails Guide (the Guide) with input from the Metro Council, the regional work group, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Guide is based on current design guidance, case studies, best practices for urban environments, and professional review and input consistent with guidelines developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO); and

WHEREAS, the Guide replaces all previous street design guidance and will serve as Metro's official transportation design guidance; and

WHEREAS, currently state and local governments and agencies to which Metro allocates Regional Flexible Funds must plan, design, and construct projects consistent with Metro transportation design guidance; and

WHEREAS, expanding on this requirement, the Metro Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to require state and local government and agencies to which Metro allocates any type of regional funding to plan, design, and construct projects consistent with the Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to update the Guide to reflect best practices so long as the Guide remains substantially similar to the Guide attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council

1. Adopts the 2019 Designing Livable Streets and Trails Guide, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
2. Directs the Chief Operating Officer to require application of the relevant sections of the Guide to projects to which Metro allocates funds.
3. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to revise the Guide consistent with this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2019.

Sam Chase, Deputy Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney