RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REGIONAL MODEL FOR COMPLETE STREETS (CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN)

(R22-04)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the NCTCOG and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) policies support the goals and policies of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2045; and,

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, and connected roadways that accommodate the mobility needs of all users and modes of transportation are critical to livability; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) vision states a commitment to integrate a Complete Streets approach into transportation practices, policies, and decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) principles encourage a Safe System approach to planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation systems to provide safe and convenient travel through a variety of transportation modes for all users; and

WHEREAS, streets should be designed to complement and support the adjoining land uses and community character emphasizing each project is unique and should be designed to fit its own distinct context, circumstances, and local characteristics; and

WHEREAS, streets that integrate and provide multiple mobility choices contribute to the public life of a community support healthy economic development, facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods, improve public health, advance environmental stewardship, reduce fuel consumption and maximize the use of roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) principles support investment in a transportation system that provides reliable access to jobs, resources, and markets thus advancing the region's competitive economic advantage and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, implementing a regional Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) model requires leadership, identification and elimination of barriers, and development of new policies, rules, and procedures to prioritize safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT:

Section 1. The RTC directs staff to collaborate with local governments and transportation providers to develop a Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) checklist and/or guide to be used for regional transportation planning and project implementation.

Section 2. The RTC directs staff to provide technical support to local governments for development of local Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) policies, resolutions, and methodologies/applications for performance management.

Duncan Webb, Chair

Regional Transportation Council Commissioner, Collin County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on November 10, 2022.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, Secretary Regional Transportation Council County Judge, Dallas County