

R E S O L U T I O N

DT-0033A-04

AMENDMENT TO DU PAGE HEALTHY ROADS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board has heretofore adopted the DuPage County Healthy Roads Initiative by Resolution DT-0033-04 dated March 23, 2004 to encourage development of County roadways in an environmentally-friendly manner in the context of the scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resource values of the project area; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Healthy Roads policy encourages the DuPage County Division of Transportation to construct a sidewalk or multiple-use path where right-of-way is available for non-motorized highway uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of DuPage County hereby desires to amend the DuPage County Healthy Roads Initiative as follows:

- a) Include bicycle-friendly roadway designs where practical and desirable in all major roadway expansion projects beginning preliminary engineering design in 2008 or subsequently thereafter
- b) Allow the Division of Transportation to acquire right-of-way for the provision of non-motorized improvements such as sidewalks, multi-purpose paths, bicycle lanes, or bicycle routes where practical and cost effective;
- c) Direct the Division of Transportation to explore opportunities to implement low cost improvements that encourage bicycle and pedestrian travel where demand warrants utilizing appropriate engineering judgment (for example, reviewing re-striping existing roadways to provide room to establish signed bicycle routes, paving existing roadway shoulders, and paving existing carriage paths).

Enacted and approved this 26th day of August, 2008 at Wheaton, Illinois.

Robert J. Schillerstrom, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Gary A. King, County Clerk



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WHEREAS, land use development patterns over the last 60 years have emphasized automobile transportation and reduced the ability to travel safely and healthfully by walking and bicycling, particularly in suburban areas such as DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage (hereinafter "COUNTY") is a major provider of transportation facilities controlling approximately 900 lane miles of roadways which is approximately 24% of the lane miles of transportation facilities within DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY wishes to encourage a transportation system which provides an appropriate balance between motorized and non-motorized facilities that, not only accommodates but, encourages more travel by non-motorized modes; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY recognizes that developing a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment means raising the levels of consciousness of motorists to share the roadway system with non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has proven that it will undertake initiatives which will encourage the safely shared use of County roadways, and make the County's roadway system more bicycle and pedestrian friendly; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY recognizes that a more balanced roadway system which includes options and amenities for both motorized and non-motorized facilities is a means to promote a more active and healthier living environment; and

WHEREAS, recent trends indicate DuPage County will experience more traffic growth resulting in more congestion as

population and employment increases, the number of commuters to employment centers in the County will increase and the travel times will increase, as will automobile ownership; and

WHEREAS, there are practical limits and considerations to the expansion of roadways in order to satisfy travel demands, and promoting travel by non-motorized means can provide additional travel options that are less costly for the commuter, promote healthy living, and effective for shorter trips; and

WHEREAS, automobile trips diverted to non-motorized means not only reduce traffic congestion but also contribute to a more desirable air quality as emissions are reduced; and

WHEREAS, run-off of oils, gasoline, solvents, trash and salts have an adverse environmental impact on local groundwater and neighboring properties; and

WHEREAS, property owned by the COUNTY within roadway rights-of-way can be used to upgrade the overall environmental health and quality of life throughout the County through improved water and air quality which fosters a healthier living environment; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY presently incorporates wetland mitigation, stormwater detention, erosion control measures, stream restoration and stream bank restoration, and inspection of erosion and sediment control to ensure the environmental friendliness of its roadway design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY also presently incorporates median landscaping, tree-trimming, and standard details for erosion and sediment control to ensure the environmental friendliness of its roadway design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned initiatives resulted from an Environmental Road Study prepared for the Division of Transportation and its recommendations have been incorporated into its everyday planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of DuPage County hereby establishes the **HEALTHY ROADS INITIATIVE** and further directs the Division of Transportation to, whenever feasible and in the best interests of the residents of DuPage County to:

- Construct a sidewalk or multiple-use path where right-of-way is available for non-motorized highway users.
- Ensure the construction project is a safe facility for both the roadway user and the citizens of the County.
- Ensure the construction project incorporates all applicable principles of context sensitive and environmentally sensitive design, and attempts to preserve the environmental, scenic, aesthetic, historic and natural resource values of the area.
- Endeavor to design and construct a project that achieves a level of excellence in the minds of the stakeholders.
- Ensure that a public meeting is conducted during the preliminary engineering design of a project in order to obtain input from all stakeholders in the project area.
- Ensure the project is seen as having added lasting value to both the motorized users and the non-motorized users of the improvement.
- Ensure that the landscape, the community, and valued resources are understood and a consensus reached before detailed engineering design is started.
- Explore the feasibility of the use of fiber-optics for utility placement within the highway right-of-way.
- Ensure that best management practices in design, construction and maintenance are used to cost effectively reduce adverse environmental impacts from County highways.

Enacted and approved this _____ day of _____, 2004 at Wheaton, Illinois.

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