

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 293

Approved July 14, 2008

WHEREAS, Nearly half of all trips in the United States are three miles or less and that with significant investment in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, there is an opportunity to demonstrate a substantial shift to healthy, non-motorized transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, Bicyclists and pedestrians represent 14 percent of all traffic fatalities in the United States, yet receive less than one percent of all federal road spending; and

WHEREAS, Four communities (Columbia, Missouri; Marin County, California; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; and Sheboygan County, Wisconsin) were selected to each receive grants of \$6,250,000 per fiscal year for four years to participate in the *Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program*; and

WHEREAS, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy seeks to expand this program in the next federal transportation reauthorization to include at least 40 communities, with \$50 million per community over six years to promote and develop facilities and programs for active transportation (trails, biking, and walking) for mobility; and

WHEREAS, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has identified Providence as an excellent candidate for the expanded program, called the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation*; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has organized a steering

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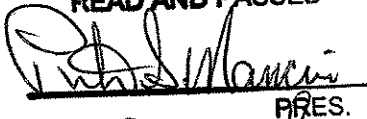
committee to guide the development of a position paper presenting the case for Providence's inclusion in the expanded program; and

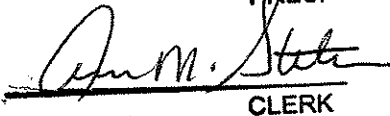
WHEREAS, Improvements in active transportation infrastructure are recommended in all of the following long-range planning documents:

- Transit 2020 – Spring, 2007
- Providence Tomorrow: The Interim Comprehensive Plan – December, 2007
- Greenprint: Providence – Summer, 2008

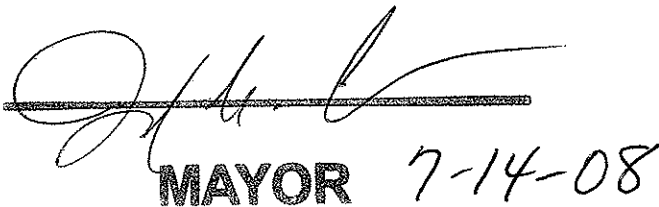
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports the participation of Providence in the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation* for the significant non-motorized transportation opportunities it will provide.

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