RESOLUTION 2022-61

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY POLICY GUIDE

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2009, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) approved Ordinance 2009-41 that created a Sustainability Commission to serve in an advisory capacity; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2009, the BOMA approved Ordinance 2009-36 that endorsed the Sustainable Community Action Plan and encouraged all citizens to participate; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed or initiated many of the items from the 2009 Action Plan, including the establishment of a residential curbside recycling program, the adoption of a Greenways and Open Space Master Plan, a reduction in municipal electricity costs, and the procurement of several grants; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Sustainability Commission held two open house meetings and conducted an online survey to collect feedback on sustainability related efforts and to determine the most important issues; and

WHEREAS, the BOMA endorsed an updated Sustainability Action Plan in 2013, which was derived from feedback received from the public outreach efforts and contains a section on Waste Reduction; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Franklin was named LEED Silver in the LEED for Cities certification program; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Sustainability Commission identified their top three priority areas in which to focus upcoming work: Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy, Waste Reduction, and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission created the Transportation and Mobility Policy Guide to establish policy statements and action items pertaining to transportation, walkability, connectivity, and traffic reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin endorses the attached Transportation and Mobility Policy Guide and charges the Sustainability Commission to further study the action items to bring forth strategies, as deemed appropriate, for the BOMA to consider in its planning, policymaking, and municipal practices.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 25th day of Oct., 2022.

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Dr. Ken Moore

Mayor

Approved as to Form

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City Attorney



TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY POLICY GUIDE

Traffic consistently ranks as one of the top citizen concerns and complaints. The City seeks to improve mobility by shortening the time it takes to complete trips, reducing vehicle miles traveled, and providing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips.

POLICY STATEMENTS

- 1. Reduce peak-hour travel times;
- 2. Provide safe and effective multimodal options for transportation;
- Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle connections between residential areas and local destinations;

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Establish performance metrics for each action item.
- 2. Improve traffic flow on existing streets by adaptive signalization projects.
- 3. Participate in Regional Transportation efforts to increase mobility to/from Franklin.
- 4. Distribute evaluation surveys within one year of completed CIP projects.
- Increase youth engagement City-wide and encourage local schools to establish a Safe Routes to School program to ease peak pick-up and drop-off traffic.
- Increase public knowledge of the available multi-use paths and trails through mapping and outreach.
- 7. Participate in National Bike/ Pedestrian annual counts.
- 8. Coordinate with the Bike Walk Franklin group.

ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

- 9. Increase sidewalk and multi-use trail connectivity across Franklin.
- 10. Evaluate the effectiveness of an electric bike share program.

COMMUTING IN FRANKLIN

- Approximately 10,300 citizens live and work in Franklin and 80% commute by vehicle alone.
 (2019 Citizen Survey)
- Approximately 66,000 people work in Franklin but commute from outside City limits.
- Approximately 23,000 citizens live in Franklin but commute outside the City for work.
- Average commute time of approximately 25 minutes.

WALKABILITY IN FRANKLIN

- 385 miles of sidewalk and 26 miles of public multi-use trail throughout the city.
- Average walk score of 23/100 within the city, walk score of 67 at City Hall.
- 6.5 miles of sidewalks and trails in the City's CIP.

