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Transportation Committee
Kansas Senate

RE: Senate Resolution 1805

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation. About 200 of our 1500 members live in Kansas, most near the border with Missouri.

We are very pleased that a resolution in support of Complete Streets has been introduced in the Kansas Senate.

Last year, the Missouri General Assembly passed a Complete Streets Resolution by near-unanimous vote. Seventeen Missouri cities—with over 1.4 million residents in total—have passed Complete Streets Resolutions or ordinances, and three Metropolitan Planning Organizations have included Complete Streets policies as part of their long-range plans.

The experience with Complete Streets in Missouri has been very positive. To remain economically attractive and viable, communities need to be livable and vibrant. Bicycling and walking facilities help communities reach that goal. Bicycling and walking facilities help improve community fitness and safety. Planning for community bicycling and walking needs *up front* in all transportation projects and plans saves millions of dollars over expensive retrofits done after the fact. MoDOT research has shown that the Missouri public strongly supports Complete Streets.

We believe Kansas will see the same benefits and the same community support for Complete Streets. Complete Streets means planning better for the future, a future that meets the needs of all citizens, and smart planning benefits all of our citizens and all of our communities.

Sincerely yours,

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