



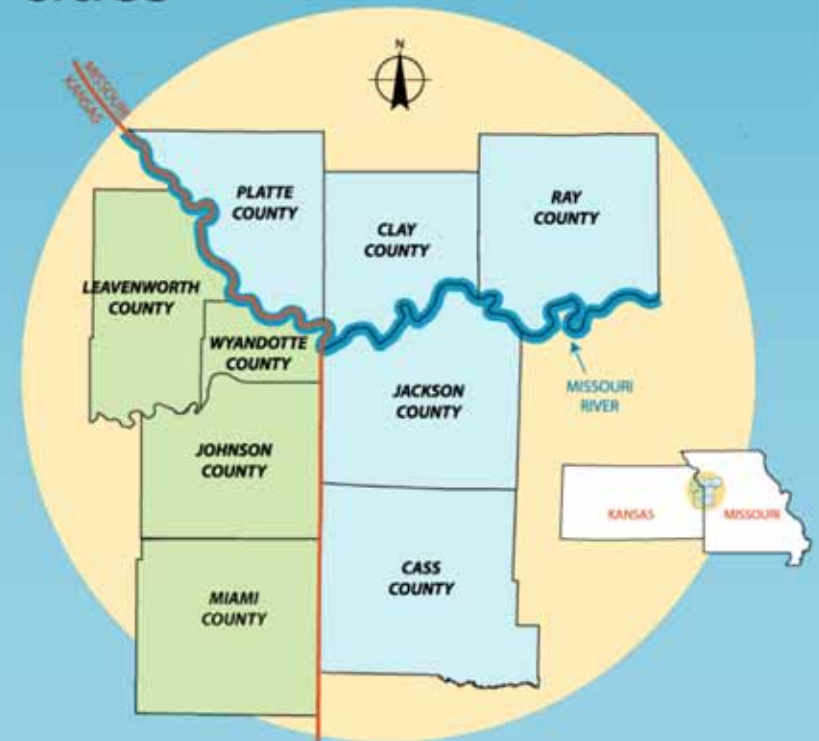
# Regional Complete Streets Policy

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# Background

## Mid-America Regional Council

- Association of local governments for Kansas City region — nine counties and 119 cities
- Metropolitan Planning Organization — Transportation Planning and Sustainable Communities Planning
- Public Health



# Background

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- Long-Range Transportation Plan goals and objectives for Complete Streets, multi-modal transportation system, greater mobility choices, improved public health
- Active Transportation agenda to support more opportunities for safe bicycle and pedestrian travel
- Improve public health through Healthy Lifestyles
- Create vibrant corridors and activity centers leading to sustainable development





# Early work: Encourage Local Policies

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- Training to generate awareness and interest
- Develop materials and learn from communities that have taken first steps
- Develop case studies as examples
- Develop toolkit and additional training on policy development and implementation



# Local Policy Adoption

City of Leawood, Kan.	May 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 3592</a>
City of Overland Park, Kan.	April 2012	<a href="#">Resolution 3919</a>
City of Roeland Park, Kan.	October 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 611</a>
Johnson County, Kan.	September 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 041-11</a>
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kan.	April 2011	<a href="#">Resolution R-22-11</a>
State of Kansas Resolution	February 2012	<a href="#">Resolution SR 1805</a>
City of Belton, Mo.	January 2012	<a href="#">Resolution R2012-03</a>
City of Blue Springs, Mo.	September 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 83-2011</a>
City of Grandview, Mo.	November 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 2011-24</a>
City of Independence, Mo.	June 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 5672</a>
City of Kansas City, Mo.	January 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 110069</a>
Jackson County, Mo.	October 2012	
City of Lee's Summit, Mo.	November 2010	<a href="#">Resolution 10-17</a>
State of Missouri Resolution	May 2011	<a href="#">Resolution 23</a>



# Regional Policy Development

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- Convened task force in 2011
- Membership appointed by transportation and sustainable communities policy leadership
- Membership diverse community interests
- Met four times to develop policy
- Input process involved focus groups



# Policy Development

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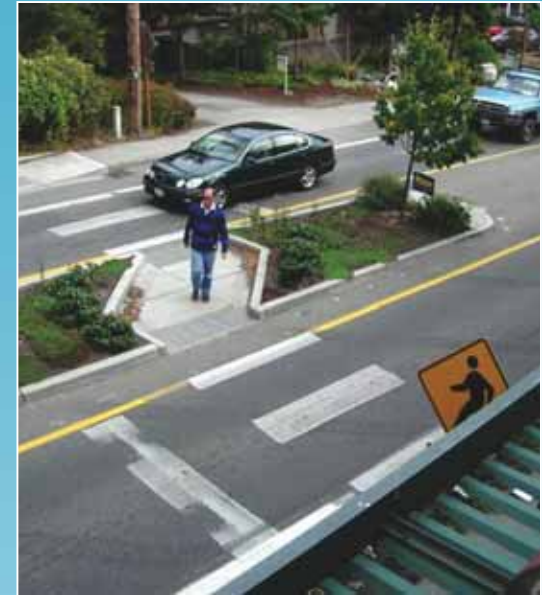
- Regional Policy adopted by MARC Board in March 2012
- Support's regional vision of a safe, balanced, multimodal, equitable transportation system
- Applies to all MARC planning and programming activities involving public rights-of-way
- Includes all projects in the Transportation Improvement Program



# Policy Adoption

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- Requirements
  - Does not supersede any federal, state or local policy or law
  - Planned and programmed projects must provide safe accommodations for all travelers
  - Policy applies to all phases, including planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, operations and maintenance
  - Project sponsors retain decisions over design





# Policy Adoption

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- Exceptions to regional policy
  - Recognize that not all streets can be complete for every traveler
  - Staff and programming committees will review requests for exceptions
  - Include where uses are prohibited (bicycles on sections of interstates)
  - When cost would be excessively disproportionate to need or likely use
  - Where lack of population or other absence of need for current and future conditions are present



# Policy Adoption

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- Performance Measures
  - Developed through our long-range plan
- Implementation
  - Continue to promote local policy adoption and implementation through training
  - Consider funding for design assistance
  - Incorporate policy into planning and programming work
  - Assist with inter-jurisdictional project designs
  - Engage project sponsors in evaluating projects for TIP
  - Evaluate policy on a regular basis

