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A RESOLUTION BY THE HAGERSTOWN/EASTERN PANHANDLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (HEPMPO)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

RECITALS

WHEREAS the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated approach to designing, constructing, and operating roads, streets, and adjacent rights-of-way in a way that supports safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders, commercial and freight vehicles, and for people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the benefits of Complete Streets include improving safety for all users; expanding quality transportation choices for non-drivers, persons with disabilities, and for those who cannot afford a car, choose to live car free, or occasionally prefer to use different modes of transportation; providing better bike, pedestrian, and transit connections to employment, education, residential, recreation, retail centers and public facilities; promoting healthy lifestyles and recreational opportunities; and creating more livable communities; and

WHEREAS the benefits of Complete Streets are recognized in the 2013 West Virginia Complete Streets Act, the 2012 Maryland State Highway Administration Complete Streets Policy and the 2015 Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act; and

WHEREAS Complete Streets principles are integrated into the design and construction of new or improved facilities and used to retrofit existing roadways, the entire transportation system better meets all user needs; and

WHEREAS the Complete Streets concept does not stipulate specific street standards, but instead encourages a context-sensitive design approach, fitting roadway design within the context of the neighborhood or community, recognizing that all streets are different and user needs will be balanced; and

WHEREAS the comprehensive plans of the jurisdictions of the HEPMPO region contain policy statements and strategies that are consistent with a Complete Streets approach; and

WHEREAS the HEPMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan contains policy statements and strategies consistent with the Complete Streets approach; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes the important benefits of Complete Streets in meeting the region's transportation goals by enabling safe travel by all users.



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PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2018.

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By

Mark S. Baldwin, Chairman

Attest: