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RE: Senate Resolution 1805

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

In the Rosedale community within Kansas City, Kansas, connectivity is critical to overall neighborhood health, sustainability and economic development. This is particularly true in low income communities with little to no public transportation and high levels of youth and adult obesity. Livable streets – sometimes referred to as complete streets – are roadways designed to allow for safe and convenient travel by ALL users, pedestrians (including those with disabilities, seniors and youth walking to school), transit vehicles and bicyclists both along and across the corridor and motor vehicles. Livable streets encourage active living, promote good health, provide economic benefits, and increase safety within neighborhoods and on the streets. Encouraging active transportation reduces dependency on oil, improves air quality and enhances individual's health.

A number of Kansas municipalities (Garden City, Topeka, Leawood, Roeland Park and Kansas City, Kansas to name some) see the future benefits and have already adopted Livable Streets legislation in their jurisdictions. We encourage the Kansas Senate to declare support for livable streets policies and urge their adoption at the local, metropolitan, regional, state and national levels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Wilson".

Wendy Wilson
Executive Director