

ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

November 23, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 11885

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF TUCSON STREET DESIGN GUIDE (CITY WIDE); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2015, the Pima Association of Governments adopted a Complete Streets Resolution encouraging “member jurisdictions to develop locally appropriate Complete Streets guidance or other policies and track performance measures for Complete Streets implementation;” and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, the Mayor and Council directed staff to move forward with the development of a Complete Streets Policy and on May 22, 2018, approved the Complete Streets Guiding Principles to serve as the basis for the policy; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2019, by Ordinance No. 11621, the Mayor and Council adopted the Complete Streets Policy which directs the creation of a Street Design Guide; and

WHEREAS, mobility is a fundamental human right and it is a priority for the City of Tucson to create a transportation network where all people can choose from a variety of safe, comfortable, reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation options; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking, biking, and transit use through Complete Streets helps improve traffic safety, reduce traffic congestion, increase mobility options, stimulate economic development and support the local economy, encourage healthier lifestyles, foster more vibrant streets and livable neighborhoods, improve air quality, create a more sustainable street ecology, promote equity, and enhance the quality of life of all Tucsonans;

and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson is committed to rebalancing its transportation network as streets are a public resource, and people walking, biking, using assisted mobility devices, and taking public transit equally deserve safe transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, providing Complete Streets will promote the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders particularly children, older adults, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, investments in Complete Streets promote transportation equity for Tucson's most financially vulnerable households by providing affordable and reliable transportation options, reducing household transportation costs, and increasing access to social and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, encouraging people to walk, bicycle, and use public transit in Complete Streets saves energy resources, reduces air pollution, reduces emissions of global warming gases, creates opportunities to reduce the urban heat island effect, increases shade canopy, and better manages storm water; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets improve public health by encouraging active lifestyles integrating exercise into daily activities, and they improve public safety by reducing the risk of injuries and fatalities from traffic collisions for users of all modes of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council adopt and approve the City of Tucson Street Design Guide, attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. In furtherance of the adopted Guide, the various City Officers and staff are directed to update other relevant standards, guidelines, policies, and other controlling

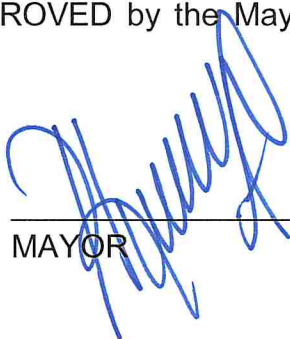
documents for consistency.

SECTION 3. Also in furtherance of the adopted Guide, the various City Officers and staff are authorized and directed to use the Street Design Guide in the planning, design, construction, and operation of transportation improvements.

SECTION 4. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Ordinance.


SECTION 5. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Ordinance become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, November 23, 2021.



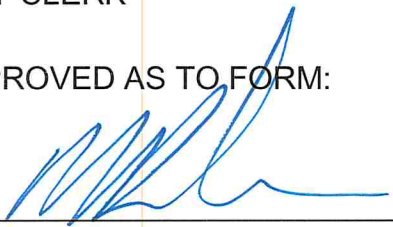
MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:



CITY MANAGER

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