

SENATE BILL NO. 527

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:22.1, relative to transportation; to provide requirements for "Complete
3 Streets"; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 48:22.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **§22.1. Complete Streets; findings; requirements; exceptions**

7 **A. The legislature finds that development of a comprehensive, integrated,**
8 **connected transportation network for Louisiana which balances the access,**
9 **mobility, health, and safety needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists, and**
10 **pedestrians of all ages and abilities, including the users of wheelchairs and**
11 **mobility aids, is integral to the public health, welfare, and quality of life of**
12 **Louisiana's citizens and visitors. Further, the legislature finds that the**
13 **development of such a fully integrated transportation system, by planning,**
14 **designing, funding, constructing, managing, and maintaining a complete and**
15 **multimodal network, will achieve and sustain mobility and safely accommodate**
16 **pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.**

17 **B. The legislature directs the department to adopt and maintain a**
18 **Complete Streets Policy to facilitate the purposes set forth in Subsection A of**
19 **this Section. In the development of such policy, the department shall make**
20 **reasonable efforts to engage interested stakeholders through an advisory group**
21 **to be known as the Complete Streets Advisory Council. The department shall**
22 **establish goals to be incorporated into practical projects within the highway**
23 **priority program and shall track the progress by department district. The**
24 **department shall submit a written progress report annually in conjunction with**
25 **the department's submission of the Highway Priority Program to the House and**
26 **Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works and to the**
27 **Complete Streets Advisory Council.**

1 C. The Complete Streets Advisory Council shall consist of a
2 representative appointed by each of the following organizations and may
3 include such other persons or representatives of organizations selected by the
4 council:

5 (1) The Department of Transportation and Development.

6 (2) AARP Louisiana.

7 (3) The Center for Planning Excellence.

8 (4) The Federal Highway Administration.

9 (5) Any research center based at a university in Louisiana that is
10 interested in the Complete Streets Policy.

11 (6) A member appointed by a majority of the metropolitan planning
12 organizations.

13 (7) Other interested Complete Streets advocacy groups.

14 D. The department shall adopt performance measures to evaluate the
15 effectiveness of the Complete Streets Policy. These performance measures shall
16 include both process- and outcome-oriented indicators as determined by the
17 department in conjunction with the Complete Streets Advisory Council.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
22 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____