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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Department of Transportation to take the following steps to advance implementation of the State's Complete Streets Law and 2012 bicycle plan:

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(1) Reform the IDOT project development processes to prioritize the safety of nonmotorized users and always include biking and walking facilities in state transportation projects where there is need;

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(2) Reform IDOT policies to support building more and better biking and walking facilities on State routes;

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(3) Revise State roadway design manuals to encourage designs that slow traffic to safe speeds in areas with high numbers of people walking and biking;

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(4) Eliminate the requirement for local governments to provide matching funds for Complete Streets features like sidewalks, pedestrian refuge islands, and bike lanes on State routes;

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(5) Conduct an evaluation of the implementation of the State's Complete Streets policy, filling gaps in pedestrian sidewalk and intersection design policies and analyzing the equitable distribution of facilities in low-income communities;

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1           (6) Allow for spot biking and pedestrian improvements as  
2 part of street resurfacing projects;

3           (7) Implement outstanding action items from the State's  
4 2012 bicycle plan;

5           (8) Develop a system that prioritizes projects with  
6 Complete Streets improvements in the multi-year planning  
7 process;

8           (9) Establish a bike planning program fund for local  
9 communities, especially low-income communities; and

10          (10) Establish a transportation equity working group at  
11 IDOT with a focus on increasing and improving transportation  
12 options in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods;  
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14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation.