

## Senate Resolution 945

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd, Seay of the 34th, Miller of the 49th, Davis of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to adopt a comprehensive Complete  
2 Streets policy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgians need streets and roadways that are safe and convenient for travel by  
4 automobile, foot, bicycle, and transit regardless of age or ability; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia has the highest rate of childhood obesity in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's older age population is growing and in need of locally-based  
7 transportation options and a statewide transportation system that is less reliant on the  
8 automobile; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia's commitment to providing community based options for individuals  
10 with disabilities requires access to a broader range of transportation options than currently  
11 available in most communities; and

12 WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes in the design of streets and roadways will  
13 increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic congestion, and  
14 improve mobility options; and

15 WHEREAS, Complete Streets is the practice of designing and constructing streets and roads  
16 to meet the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, and drivers; and

17 WHEREAS, Complete Streets promotes the ability to walk and bicycle accommodation of  
18 communities through principles such as context-sensitive design, mobility-friendly design,  
19 mixed use, and infill developments; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has the opportunity to create and  
21 improve transportation facilities for all users by implementing Complete Streets principles  
22 through the projects they manage.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to adopt a comprehensive Complete Streets  
25 policy and urge the Commissioner to make all reasonable provisions for the accommodation  
26 of bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the planning, design, and construction, reconstruction, or  
27 maintenance of any project undertaken by the department.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner is urged to adopt Performance  
29 Measures in the annual budget report that reflect progress on the implementation of  
30 Complete Streets policies such as number of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, miles of  
31 sidewalks or bike lanes constructed, and dollars spent on improving pedestrian and bicyclist  
32 safety and report those numbers to the General Assembly in the annual budget report.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of  
35 Transportation and the secretary of the Department of Transportation Board.