DECLARING THE BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD'S SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "27 BY 2027" URBAN MOBILITY NETWORK

WHEREAS, serious and fatal crashes are on the rise in the City of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, data from the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) indicates that crashes involving a person walking account for only 4% of all crashes in the City of Spokane, but account for 40% of fatal crashes and 30% of crashes with serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City Council adopted a Complete Streets Program in 2011 with the purpose of accommodating all users in the construction of all City of Spokane transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane added \$2.4 million to the \$9.6 million federal award to implement the Spokane Safe Streets for All program of projects including crosswalk improvements, ADA ramps, signal adjustments, bike lanes, shared-use pathways, and other safety and mobility projects; and

WHEREAS, adaptive design strategies offer a low-cost method of street design that use temporary trafficcalming measures, resulting in rapid installation of safety improvements to test street changes before executing permanent projects; and

WHEREAS, there are major arterial roads in the City of Spokane, such as Division Street, where a parallel route on a lower-traffic street is generally a more cost-effective and efficient way to provide for travel by bicycle compared to a bicycle facility on the major arterial; and

WHEREAS, some major arterial roads, such as Division Street, lack the necessary right-of-way to safely and efficiently prioritize people riding transit, walking, or biking equally without negatively impacting congestion, safety, and multi-modal uses on other transportation corridors in the City's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local-access residential streets across much of the City of Spokane already exhibit characteristics, such as low speeds and low volumes of automobiles, that are conducive to comfortable travel on foot or on wheels; and

WHEREAS, a fully-connected network is critical to the usability and comfort for people traveling by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2024 the Spokane City Council unanimously adopted RES 2024-0103 in support of the proposed "27 by 2027" Urban Mobility Network;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ESTABLISHED that the City of Spokane Bicycle Advisory Board registers its support of the "27 by 2027" Urban Mobility Network as proposed by City staff and approved by City Council.



Lauren Pangborn Chair, Bicycle Advisory Board

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