

1 **WHEREAS**, research shows that increasing the number of bicycles on the street
2 improves bicycle safety and it therefore can save lives and improve the safety of all
3 other road users by creating safer conditions for bicyclists and,

4 **WHEREAS**, bicycle use can also boost the economy by creating a community that is
5 an attractive destination for new residents, tourists and businesses, and

6 **WHEREAS**, bicycle use enhances recreational opportunities, especially for children,
7 and further contributes to the quality of life in the community, and

8 **WHEREAS**, bicycle use can save City funds by increasing the efficient use of public
9 space, reducing the need for costly new road infrastructure, preventing collisions,
10 improving the health of the community and increasing the use of public transportation.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
12 **THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

13 **Section 1.** The City of Little Rock is committed to taking the following steps to
14 improve conditions for bicycling and, thus, to realize the significant potential benefits of
15 increased bicycling in our community. We hereby adopt the following action plan for
16 bicycle-friendly communities:

17 A. Adopt a target level of bicycle use (e.g., percent of trips) and safety as goals to
18 be achieved within a specific timeframe, and improve data collection necessary to
19 monitor progress toward those goals.

20 B. Provide safe and convenient bicycle access to all parts of the community
21 through a signed network of on-and-off-street facilities, low-speed streets, and secure
22 parking by involving local cyclists to help identify needs for maintenance and needs for
23 various improvements.

24 C. Establish information programs to promote bicycling for all purposes, and to
25 communicate the many benefits of bicycling to residents and businesses (e.g., with
26 bicycle maps, public relations campaigns, neighborhood rides, a ride with the Mayor).

1 D. Make the City a model employer by encouraging bicycle use among its
2 employees (e.g., by providing parking, showers and lockers and establishing a city
3 bicycle fleet).

4 E. Ensure City policies, plans, codes, and programs are updated and
5 implemented to take advantage of every opportunity to create a more bicycle-friendly
6 community and offer staff in all departments training to better enable them to complete
7 this task.

8 F. Educate road users to share the road and interact safely using a combination
9 of safe road design and education programs that will to increase the confidence of
10 bicyclists.

11 G. Enforce traffic laws to improve the safety and comfort of all road users, with a
12 particular focus on behaviors and attitudes that cause motor vehicle-bicycle collisions.

13 H. Develop special programs to encourage bicycle use in areas of the City where
14 significant segments of the population do not drive (e.g., through Safe Routes to Schools
15 programs) and where short trips are most common.

16 I. Promote inter-modal travel between public transport and bicycles (e.g., by
17 putting bike racks on buses, improving parking at transit stations, and improving access
18 to rail and public transport vehicles.

19 J. Establish a citywide, multi-disciplinary committee for non-motorized mobility
20 to submit to the City a regular evaluation and action plan for completing the items in
21 this Resolution.

22 **ADOPTED: September 5, 2006**

24 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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27 Nancy Wood, City Clerk

_____ **Jim Dailey, Mayor**

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