
R2019-50: INDICATING THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH’S SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE’S POSITION ON A STATEWIDE MULTIMODAL POLICY AND TO JOIN NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNITIES AND AGENCIES IN BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

Applicant/Purpose: Staff/ to support the SC’s Livable Communities Alliance’s position on a statewide multimodal policy & join other cities & agencies in joining the Alliance.

Brief:

- The Alliance supports the planning, designing, operation, & maintenance of public highways in a manner that provides safe, convenient & comfortable travel for users of all ages & abilities regardless of their mode of transportation
- Complete Streets or Multimodal Streets make communities & neighborhoods more livable, by ensuring all road users of all ages & abilities – people walking, bicycling, driving, & catching a bus - can travel safely.
- Providing a modern multimodal network of streets & highways benefits the state economically & improves the quality of life for our citizens
- The existence of multi-modal transportation infrastructure has positive effects on safety, physical activity levels, & access to economic opportunities.

Issues:

- The SC Livable Communities Alliance supports a Multimodal policy that:
 - Seamlessly integrates state roads w/ local streets, w/ national multimodal design standards.
 - Coordinates between state, regional, local planning & elected bodies.
 - Ensures your preferred transportation mode is as safe as all the others.
 - Honors rural & urban interests.
 - Invests in long-term state priorities.
 - Moves our state towards a higher quality of life.
 - Integrates w/ FHA required safety performance measures.
 - Supports people of all abilities having full access to their chosen mode of transportation.

Public Notification: Normal meeting notification.

Alternatives: To not join the Alliance.

Financial Impact: There is no cost to joining the Alliance.

Manager’s Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Attachment(s): Proposed resolution.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY
OF MYRTLE BEACH JOIN THE SC LIVABLE
COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE.

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Livable Communities Alliance supports the planning, designing, operation, and maintenance of public highways in a manner that provides safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance believes that all South Carolinians deserve to live in safe, healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete streets or Multimodal streets make communities and neighborhoods more livable, by ensuring all road users of all ages and abilities – people walking, bicycling, driving, and catching a bus - can travel safely; and

WHEREAS, Providing a modern multimodal network of streets and highways benefits the state economically and improves the quality of life for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The mere existence of sidewalks, bike paths, and increased access to transit has positive effects on safety, physical activity levels, and access to economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that improving infrastructure design, in coordination with repaving opportunities as systems age, is the most effective method of increasing safety and decreasing fatality rates of people walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Livable Communities Alliance supports a Multimodal policy that:

- seamlessly integrates state roads with local streets, with national multimodal design standards,
- coordinates tightly between state, regional and local planning and elected bodies,
- ensures your mode of transportation is just as safe as all the others,
- honors rural and urban interests,
- invests in long-term state priorities
- moves our state towards a higher quality of life,
- integrates with Federal Highway Administration required safety performance measures,
- improves SCDOT processes and street designs, and restores trust and transparency,
- supports people of all abilities having full access to their chosen mode of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that:

1 The City of Myrtle Beach join AARP South Carolina, The American Heart
2 Association/American Stroke Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, The South
3 Carolina Alliance of YMCA's, The SC Disabilities and Health Project, The
4 Palmetto Cycling Coalition, ABLE South Carolina, The Coastal Conservation
5 League, Eat Smart Move More South Carolina, The National Safety Council
6 Southeast Chapter, Mission Readiness, AAA Carolinas, and the cities of
7 Greenville, Columbia, Charleston, Florence, Greenwood, West Pelzer,
8 Travelers Rest, Aiken, and Folley Beach in becoming members of the SC Livable
9 Communities Alliance.

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11 SIGNED AND SEALED this 24th day of September, 2019.

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15 ATTEST:

Brenda Bethune, Mayor

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Jennifer Stanford, City Clerk