RESOLUTION NO.  BOCC 2014-87

APPROVAL OF THE MESA COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND SUNSETTING THE URBAN TRAILS MASTER PLAN, AN AMENDMENT TO THE MESA COUNTY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION - ROAD ACCESS POLICY

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to preserve and protect the serviceability of and public investment in Mesa County public transportation facilities and systems; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that any improvements or construction of public facilities be performed in accordance with uniform standards, specifications and procedures to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction include non-motorized transportation facility standards; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Urban Trails Master Plan is part of the Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction - Road Access Policy; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011, the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) approved the Mesa County 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that:
- brings together transportation, land use, and community issues in one long-range planning document;
- identifies the future transportation needs of the region, what we can afford, and how transportation projects will be prioritized for implementation;
- directs transportation tax dollars into multi-modal (e.g., bike, pedestrian, transit, and roadway) transportation projects in the Mesa County region through an integrated transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the GVRTC is conducting a process to develop a 2040 RTP as an update to the 2035 RTP.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MESA FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT non-motorized facilities will be planned and constructed in a manner that respects private property rights.

THAT the provision of non-motorized transportation facilities is an important part of the Mesa County multi-modal transportation network; and

THAT all forms of non-motorized travel offer our community multiple benefits; and
THAT non-motorized transportation relieves pressure on the vehicular transportation system, reducing congestion and roadway and parking construction costs; and

THAT non-motorized transportation facilities encourage people to be more active and contribute to their health; and

THAT non-motorized facilities should link neighborhoods with the Colorado Riverfront trail, schools, parks, and other public attractions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF MESA, STATE OF COLORADO:

THAT it is the policy of Mesa County to utilize the Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction as the Mesa County Non-Motorized Policy;

THAT the 1997 Urban Trails Master Plan, a part of the Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction - Road Access Policy is hereby sunset and abolished.

THAT the Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction - Road Access Policy is hereby revised by deleting all references to the Urban Trails Master Plan.

THAT the Mesa County Planning Commission is directed to sunset and abolish the 1997 Urban Trails Master Plan as an element of the Mesa County Master Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2014.

John Justman, Chair
Board of Mesa County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sheila Reiner
Mesa County Clerk and Recorder