

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:

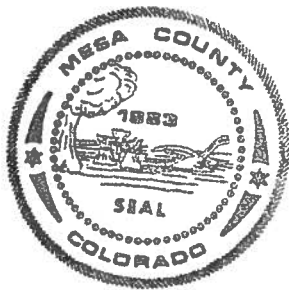
THAT it is the policy of Mesa County to utilize the *Mesa County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* as the *Mesa County Non-Motorized Policy*;

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

John Justman, Chair
Board of Mesa County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sheila Reiner, by Lou Westerman
Sheila Reiner
Mesa County Clerk and Recorder