

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO  
5 CONSIDER COMPLETE STREET DESIGN FEATURES WHEN ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES; AND AMENDING  
6 SECTION 60-2-110, MCA."

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8 WHEREAS, the streets of our cities and towns are vital to the livability of our communities, enabling  
9 children to get to school and parents to get to work, bringing neighbors together, and drawing visitors to  
10 neighborhood stores; and

11 WHEREAS, street planning that accommodates and encourages multiple forms of transit results in less  
12 sprawl and congestion and greater convenience, economic revitalization, energy savings, and health benefits;  
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14 WHEREAS, "complete streets" are designed and operated to enable safe access for all persons,  
15 including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and mobility capabilities,  
16 and can incorporate a wide range of design features; and

17 WHEREAS, "complete streets" policies are now in place in 26 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of  
18 Columbia and in more than 350 local jurisdictions in the United States.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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22 **Section 1.** Section 60-2-110, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"60-2-110. Setting priorities and selecting projects.** (1) Except as provided in 60-2-133, the  
24 commission shall establish priorities and select and designate segments for construction and reconstruction on  
25 the national highway system, the primary highway system, the secondary highway system, the urban highway  
26 system, and state highways.

27 (2) The commission shall consult with the board of county commissioners of the county in which a  
28 highway is located when establishing priorities and when selecting and designating segments on the secondary  
29 highway system for construction and reconstruction.

30 (3) The commission shall consult with the appropriate local government authorities when establishing

1 priorities and selecting and designating segments on the urban highway system for construction and  
2 reconstruction.

3 (4) (a) The commission shall, when establishing priorities, consider complete street design features that  
4 facilitate safe travel by all users and that expand upon currently accepted state and federal design requirements  
5 to accommodate all users, including current and projected users, particularly pedestrians, bicyclists, and  
6 individuals of all ages and mobility capabilities.

7 (b) As used in subsection (4)(a), "complete street design features" means features that include but are  
8 not limited to sidewalks, bike lanes, wide paved shoulders, special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public  
9 transportation stops, median islands, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, roundabouts, lane striping,  
10 share-the-road signage, pedestrian control signalization, bus pullouts, curb cuts, traffic calming measures, and  
11 frequent and safe crossing opportunities, including raised crosswalks and ramps.

12 ~~(4)(5)~~ The commission shall use information gathered or discovered by and documents prepared by the  
13 department, and department officials and employees shall provide assistance and advice.

14 ~~(5)(6)~~ The commission shall establish and determine priorities and projects for rail and transit programs  
15 and, to the extent possible, coordinate intermodal transportation within the state.

16 ~~(6)(7)~~ In carrying out the requirements of this section, the department shall:

17 (a) make recommendations to the commission;

18 (b) establish the requirements and procedures for administering this section; and

19 (c) take all reasonable steps to ensure the integrity and viability of agricultural and rural transportation  
20 and related needs."

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