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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 2013

**Resolve, To Establish a Task Force on the Establishment of So-called Complete Streets Design Guidelines**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, GIDEON of  
Freeport, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MOONEN of Portland, ROTUNDO of Lewiston,  
RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham.

1           **Preamble. Whereas,** citizens of the State, regardless of their age or ability, need  
2 streets and roadways that are safe and convenient for travel by automobile, foot, bicycle  
3 and transit; and

4           **Whereas,** streets that support and invite multiple uses are more conducive to public  
5 life and to efficient movement of people than are streets designed primarily to move  
6 automobiles and trucks; and

7           **Whereas,** the full integration of all modes of transportation in the design of streets  
8 and roadways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduce traffic  
9 congestion, improve mobility options and limit greenhouse gas emissions; now, therefore,  
10 be it

11           **Sec. 1. Task force. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Transportation, referred  
12 to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall convene a task force to develop so-called  
13 complete streets design guidelines to apply whenever state or federal funds are used to  
14 build or reconstruct a road or bridge and develop a statewide policy designed to enable  
15 the delivery of cost-effective, sustainable and customer-focused transportation services  
16 that will meet the current and future needs of the State. The commissioner shall invite the  
17 participation of stakeholders, including a representative of a statewide bicycle advocacy  
18 group, a representative of a statewide group representing older citizens of the State, a  
19 representative from the Disability Rights Center and the Director of the Maine Center for  
20 Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services;  
21 and be it further

22           **Sec. 2. Policies. Resolved:** That, in developing a statewide policy pursuant to  
23 section 1, the task force shall consider inclusion of policies that encourage the:

24           1. Creation of a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network that  
25 allows users to choose between different modes of transportation;

26           2. Alteration of the decision-making and design processes to ensure consideration of  
27 all users in planning, designing, building, operating and maintaining streets and  
28 roadways;

29           3. Balancing of user needs in order to ensure that transportation solutions under this  
30 section will enhance the community; and

31           4. Use of the latest and best design guidelines as they apply to bicycle, pedestrian,  
32 transit and highway facilities; and be it further

33           **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 4, 2013, the  
34 commissioner shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the  
35 task force, including suggested legislation to implement the recommendations, to the  
36 Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on  
37 Transportation may submit a bill pertaining to the report to the Second Regular Session of  
38 the 126th Legislature.

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## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Transportation to establish a task force to develop so-called complete streets design guidelines to apply whenever state or federal funds are used to build or reconstruct a road or bridge and to develop a statewide policy designed to enable the delivery of cost-effective, sustainable and customer-focused transportation services that will meet the current and future needs of the State.