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2 **RESOLUTION: Accept the Connecting People and Communities: Winnebago County**  
3 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as a Guide and Reference Document**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2014, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to support  
8 a budget appropriation for a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2014-2018 Transportation  
9 Alternatives Program grant to create a bicycle and pedestrian plan (The Plan); and

10 **WHEREAS**, after a request for proposals process, Toole Design Group and the East Central Wisconsin  
11 Regional Planning Commission were awarded a contract to be consultants for The Plan; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a 16-member Steering Committee comprised of staff from the Winnebago County Health,  
13 Highway, Parks, Planning, and Sheriff's Departments; local elected officials and municipal and town representatives;  
14 and business owners, local experts, residents, and other key stakeholders met regularly with The Plan's consultants  
15 to provide information and input for The Plan's creation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, over 175 residents provided input for The Plan at 9 public events held throughout Winnebago  
17 County from May-December 2016, as well as online; and

18 **WHEREAS**, access to walking and biking routes, trails, and facilities increases physical activity, which  
19 improves physical and mental health and well-being; and

20 **WHEREAS**, offering viable transportation options in a variety of modes can increase safety and ease of use  
21 and provide accessible transit opportunities throughout the community for all Winnebago County residents and  
22 visitors; and

23 **WHEREAS**, providing residents connections to outdoor recreation facilities such as parks, trails, and green  
24 spaces improves physical and mental health and quality of life; and

25 **WHEREAS**, places that have active transportation options and biking and walking networks that connect to  
26 destinations can attract tourists and young professionals to Winnebago County; and

27 **WHEREAS**, recognition of The Plan by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors will enable it to be used  
28 as a vital instrument in applying for cost sharing aid programs administered by State and Federal agencies; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors supports good efficient transportation in all its  
30 various forms and believes that strong transportation facilities provide economic and social benefits to all our  
31 residents and users of our roadway and associated systems.

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
34 accepts the Connecting People & Communities: Winnebago County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as a reference and  
35 guide document to be used in encouraging healthy and active lifestyles by providing comfortable bicycling and  
36 walking accommodations for recreation and transportation that connect communities and destinations.

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Winnebago County staff  
39 from the Health, Highway, and Parks Departments, through an interdepartmental steering committee, shall work  
40 together to implement recommendations in The Plan when appropriate opportunities arise and are fiscally feasible.

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Respectfully submitted by:

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Committee Vote: **8-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **4-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **4-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive