

Passed: December 21, 2009  
Signed: December 22, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12-036R

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA URBANIZED AREA  
TRANSPORTATION STUDY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is a member agency of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS), a program of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, CUUATS has prepared a Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 to guide local area transportation system planning over the next 25 years in conformance with the content and procedural standards established by the Federal Highway Administration and with the technical assistance of the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 supplements the document entitled "Long Range Transportation Plan 2025" completed by CUUATS in December 2004 which was endorsed by the City of Urbana on March 21, 2005 by Resolution 2005-03-005R; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana participated in the drafting of the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 with representation on multi-agency steering and technical committees and as a member of the CUUATS policy committee; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 has involved extensive public participation and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 encourages the development and utilization of a variety of modes of travel, including roadways, mass transit, high speed rail, and pedestrian and bicycle routes; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 is consistent with the future land use, mobility map, and goals and policies contained in the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 is consistent with the transportation projects anticipated as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, High Cross Road Corridor Plan, and the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan; and

WHEREAS, the "Long Range Transportation Plan 2035" was approved by the CUUATS Technical Committee on December 2, 2009 and by the CUUATS Policy Committee on December 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council desires to express its support for the "Long Range Transportation Plan 2035" while noting the following:

1) We applaud the Goals and Objectives of the LRTP which include a strong emphasis on sustainability, compact development as well as pedestrian, bicycle and transit (non-auto) transportation.

2) We believe that the implementation plans in the LRTP are not sufficient to fully meet these Goals and Objectives.

3) We express concern with the projection that vehicle miles travelled (VMT) will increase 83%, significantly faster than population growth (48%), from 2005 to 2035.

4) We ask that future City and regional policies strive for a decrease in VMT and GHG emissions, in order to protect our environment and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

5) We ask that future planning efforts incorporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction targets and Urbana's sustainability goals.

6) We encourage future Travel Demand modeling to include 'mode shift' scenarios that may occur when consumers choose non-auto modes of transportation or when fuel prices rise.

7) We encourage federal, state and local road projects, new or redeveloping, to emphasize developing new roadway with a 21st century design including minimal widths and complete street design, alternate design options including modern roundabouts, as well as implementing state of the art bioswales and other wetland/detention basin techniques to minimize disruption of any natural areas being crossed or to develop new natural areas. Road construction should consider all the costs and benefits, including sustainability such as the energy and materials used to build the road, the impervious surface and runoff, and the added vehicle travel that the road may bring.

8) We encourage regional planning efforts to include reducing sprawl and preserving prime farmland by encouraging compact, sustainable development as well as encouraging shifts to active transportation options and increased vehicle occupancy.

9) We encourage balancing fringe roads and core connectivity by prioritizing core intersections and roads identified as unsafe and/or inadequate and improving connectivity for the central business districts and University of Illinois campus.

10) We ask that Improvements to I-74 be carefully evaluated with an emphasis on providing for safety around interchanges and solving currently identified regional shortfalls before expansion of roadway miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that we do hereby endorse "Choices 2035: Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study Long Range Transportation Plan".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, shall be sent to the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and the Champaign County Board.

PASSED by the City Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
2009.



*Richard M. Clark*  
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Clark, City Clerk

*John R. Boyd*  
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Deputy Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2009.

*Laurel Lunt Prussing*  
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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor