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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SUTHERLAND (Sponsor), MOLENDORP,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public roadways.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 226.223, to read as follows:

226.223. 1. The department of transportation's plans, programs, and projects shall:

2 **(1) Provide full consideration for the safety and contiguous routes for bicyclists,**
3 **pedestrians, disabled persons, and transit users of all ages and abilities;**

4 **(2) Consider pedestrians as ordinary and accepted users of the state highway**
5 **system, except in those locations where pedestrians are specifically prohibited;**

6 **(3) Consider bicyclists as ordinary and accepted users of the state highway system,**
7 **except in those locations where bicyclists are specifically prohibited.**

8 **2. Bicycle ways, pedestrian ways, and other appropriate accommodations for**
9 **bicyclists and pedestrians shall be given full consideration in the planning and development**
10 **of transportation facilities by the department of transportation, including the**
11 **incorporation of such ways and accommodations into state plans and programs.**

12 **3. Consideration of bicycle ways, pedestrian ways, and other appropriate**
13 **accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians under subsection 2 of this section shall not**
14 **be required:**

15 **(1) Where sparsity of population or other factors indicate an absence of any need**
16 **for such ways or accommodations;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (2) Where the cost of establishing such ways or accommodations would be
18 excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;

19 (3) Where bicycling is not permitted, consideration of bicycle ways or
20 accommodations is not required;

21 (4) Where walking is not permitted, consideration of pedestrian ways or
22 accommodations is not required.

23 4. The department shall establish planning, design, construction, maintenance, and
24 operations standards for appropriate accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrians, disabled
25 persons, and transit users. The department shall establish appropriate training programs
26 for staff to implement these standards.

27 5. The highways and transportation commission may expend state road fund
28 moneys to provide appropriate accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrians, disabled
29 persons, transit passengers accessing the transit system by bicycling and walking, and
30 other users of the public roadways, in addition to operators of motor vehicles.

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