

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JUNE 19, 2012 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT — HIKING/BIKING TRAIL CROSSWALK MARKING POLICY	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN KOTTMANN CITY ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared for the approval of a Council Policy Statement establishing criteria as to when hiking/biking trail crosswalks are to be marked.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 11/12 General Fund budget provides funding for the proposed project.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

The presence of hiking/biking trails within the community has grown in recent years and the trails are receiving more use by the citizens. This has led to requests from citizens for the crossing of trails with public streets to be marked. Research into standards and policies was performed. The 2010 draft of the AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Bicycle Facilities was considered to be the best overall guidance and formed the basis of the recommendations in this policy statement.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA APPROVING A COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT PERTAINING TO MARKING HIKING/BIKING TRAIL CROSSINGS ON PUBLIC STREETS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to create Council Policy Statements as a means of establishing guidelines and direction to the members of the City Council and to the city administration in regard to various issues which regularly occur; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation by the Public Works Director, the Recreation Director, and the Police Chief, in consultation with staff, has been made regarding procedures pertaining to the marking of hiking/biking trail crossings on public streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby approve the Council Policy Statement pertaining to the marking of hiking/biking trail crossings on public streets and do further hereby direct the distribution of said Council Policy Statement to the appropriate City Departments.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

**CITY OF LA VISTA
COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT**

HIKING/BIKING TRAIL CROSSWALK MARKING POLICY

Issued:
Resolution No.

Introduction

Marking of hiking/biking trail crosswalks on public streets is necessary for the safety of the public with the growing interest and presence of trails throughout the City of La Vista.

Representatives from Public Works, the Police Department, and the Recreation Department will coordinate and determine signage and proper placement of the signage under the following criteria:

- A. At mid-block path crossings on all residential streets (local and collector) provide pavement marking crosswalks.
- B. At path crossings on all residential streets (mid-block and near intersections) provide YIELD signs facing the path users.
- C. At mid-block path crossings on streets that are designated as collector streets (generally over width) provide crosswalk signs facing motorists. If there are locations where the crossings are not readily visible due to curvature of the road, or vegetation or other reasons consider adding advance crosswalk signs.
- D. If there are locations where sight distance on the path and/or the roadway is exceptionally limited (a judgment call based on the desirable sight distance values set forth in the AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Bicycle Facilities) then consider parking restrictions in the vicinity of the crosswalk.