



**A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO EXPAND THE SCOPE AND AUTHORITY  
OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) includes Representation from Memphis and Shelby County, northern Mississippi and eastern Fayette County; and

**WHEREAS,** The MPO has committed itself to creating a comprehensive multi-model strategy that includes bicycling as an integral part of the transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** The MPO vision seeks to take advantage of the benefits that bicycling can offer to the region, such as greater mobility, lower transportation costs, safer streets, cleaner air, less traffic congestion, lower healthcare costs and greater quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** The MPO established the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to advise the MPO and participate in the planning process; and

**WHEREAS,** The benefits of bicycling to the entire community necessitate that it be a higher priority for local government and that the community be educated about benefits, safety procedures and laws governing bicycling; and

**WHEREAS,** Expanding the makeup and authority of the BPAC would effectively address the issues of raising the profile of bicycling and educating the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Memphis City Council urge the MPO to elevate the BPAC to the status of a full standing committee within the MPO with all the rights and privileges of other standing committees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the MPO is urged to expand the membership of the BPAC as necessary to ensure adequate representation from the bicycling community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the MPO is urged to expand the authority and responsibilities of the BPAC to include developing a plan for outreach to and education of the public to promote safe sharing of roadways and the benefits of bicycling.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the MPO is urged to expand the authority and responsibilities of the BPAC to include monitoring the process of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and reporting to local governments and making recommendations to the MPO and local governments about bicycle related improvements.