

# COMPLETE STREETS

AN ELEMENT OF WASATCH CHOICE FOR 2040

## SOME REASONS WHY COMPLETE STREETS:

### Empowers All to Contribute to Society:

- Many people cannot own a car. Complete Streets allow them to get out and participate in their communities. In Utah: 31% are under 18, 15% are disabled, 13% are Seniors, and 13% are in Poverty.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

### Creates a Safer and Healthier You:

- Sidewalks make **walking 88% safer**, bike lanes **biking 50% safer**, & medians **driving 40% safer**<sup>8,9,10</sup>
- Reducing speeds from 40 mph to 30 mph **cuts the pedestrian fatality rate by 50%**<sup>11</sup>
- Economists have estimated that the additional activity induced by more bike lanes could **save an area the size of the Wasatch Front up to 15,500 cases** of cancer, diabetes, & heart disease<sup>15</sup>

### Enables us to Greater Personal Wealth:

- The average Davis County Resident **works until March 23<sup>rd</sup> each year to pay for transportation**<sup>17</sup>
- Each car eliminated **saves a family \$10,000 on average**.<sup>19</sup>
- **Home values grow** by \$700 to \$3,000 for each percent increase in the neighborhood walk score<sup>21</sup>

### Makes for Cleaner Air:

- If everyone didn't drive for trips under a mile we could **eliminate up to 12% of our vehicle emissions**<sup>5,6</sup>
- **Reduces problem births & respiratory disease** for those living in vehicle emission 'hot spots'<sup>14a,14b</sup>

### Strengthens Our Country

Each year we pay an **unsustainable \$4,433 per person** in our country for the following:

- \$438 billion for imported oil<sup>29,30,31</sup>
- \$360 billion for 'free parking'<sup>27, 28, 28a</sup>
- Up to \$280 billion for excess air pollution<sup>25</sup>
- \$252 billion in medical and absenteeism due to the weight of nearly a third of our population<sup>12,23,24</sup>

### Simple Enjoyment:

- Although building complete streets can begin to assist us in addressing these and other very serious societal problems, maybe the largest and most immediate benefits come from **the pure enjoyment of being able to take a family or personal walk, ride or jog through our communities.**

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REFERENCES TO THESE BENEFITS AND REFERENCES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MANY OTHER BENEFITS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

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