

**CITY OF SACO, Maine**  
**Resolution in Support of Transportation Enhancements,  
Recreational Trails and Safe Routes to School**

**WHEREAS:** the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress established as a matter of law that the nation's transportation system should necessarily include options for people to walk and bike; and

**WHEREAS:** every Congress for the past two decades has provided dedicated resources to improve the transportation system by providing trails and other bicycling and walking infrastructure and enhancing environmental and historical assets as they relate to the transportation system; and

**WHEREAS:** the 102<sup>nd</sup> Congress also concluded that a portion of the gas tax contributed by motorized trails users should be dedicated to the improvement of trails for all users; and

**WHEREAS:** the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, noting the particular transportation challenges facing our children, provided a focus in law on safe access to schools; and

**WHEREAS:** these programs, Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School, are well established in our state and function well to the benefit of Maine communities and;

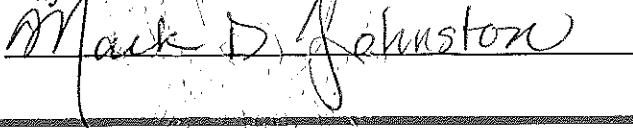
**WHEREAS:** Saco finds that these programs have provided critical mobility, economic, health, safety, and aesthetic benefits to our community for the past twenty years, to wit the Eastern Trail, Horton Woods trails, and Cascade Falls Park and;

**WHEREAS:** proposals pending before Congress for possible inclusion in a new federal transportation law would eliminate dedicated funding for these critical programs and/or introduce new eligible activities and rules that undercut their integrity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Saco urges Congress, in any new legislation, to continue Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails and Safe Routes to School in their current forms with dedicated funding at least commensurate with their current share of the transportation budget.

*Adopted by Saco Mayor Mark D. Johnston on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.*

Mayor Mark D. Johnston

  
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