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City of Milwaukee Public Works Committee
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City Hall 200 E. Wells Street Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Honorable Public Works Committee Council Members,

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force, Milwaukee Safe & Healthy Streets (formerly Path to Platinum), & the Wisconsin Bike Fed we express our full support for approval of resolution #190535—the Milwaukee Pedestrian Plan in accordance with the City's Complete Streets Policy.

We applaud the City of Milwaukee administration for incorporating more community involvement in the development process of the Complete Streets Policy and the Milwaukee Pedestrian Plan. Ongoing, we want to ensure that these policies and plans are put into practice. We urge the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works and their entire administration as well as the Common Council to work together, to publicly demonstrate an urgent and significant shift in the prioritization of safety for pedestrians in *all street projects*. Specifically in Milwaukee neighborhoods that have been subject to disinvestment and in-turn high rates of poverty.

In order to put these robust and well-meditated plans and policies in practice, City decision-makers must thoroughly support and act on these recommendations throughout their administration, professedly fund a bike/walk budget with support from the Mayor and the Council, and launch a highly-visible city-wide Safe & Healthy Streets Campaign in perpetuity.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to aid in the development of these important policies and plans. Our promise is to continue to support the community by educating and empowering Milwaukee residents in their pursuit of Safe & Healthy Streets.

Respectfully,