CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION #2010-14
ADOPTING RANKING SYSTEM FOR PRIORITIZING
SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AND ADA COMPLIANCE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park’s Strategic Plan (FY2010 - FY2015) establishes, as a shared goal, the creation of a community that is “fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable;” and

WHEREAS, one of the strategies endorsed by the Council in support of that goal is to “expand and enhance existing infrastructure to provide access to, and promote increased use of, alternative modes of transportation and walking”; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires cities and towns to evaluate sidewalks for compliance with the requirements of the Act and to write a plan for bringing them into compliance; and

WHEREAS, the City, desirous of developing a means of identifying and prioritizing, on a city wide basis, sidewalks and ADA projects which would provide convenient, safe and accessible walkways and linkages to places people want to go, entered into a contract with Toole Design Group for an evaluation of the city’s streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Sidewalk Installation and ADA Compliance Plan, completed in October 2009, includes a priority ranking of identified sidewalk projects and necessary ADA improvements; and

WHEREAS, said priority ranking system is intended to serve as a framework for guiding the City in the development and construction of individual projects and is designed to be flexible, allowing for the periodic review and expansion and reordering of projects in recognition of changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that projects may be reordered to accommodate requests from the community and to allow for the completion of improvements along routes where pedestrian traffic is higher than anticipated or at-risk; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the use of the ranking system in the identification, evaluation, prioritization and funding of sidewalk and ADA projects to be constructed or installed by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the Priority Ranking System developed by Toole Design Group and incorporated in the Sidewalk Installation and ADA Compliance Plan (October 2009) is adopted.
and is to be used in the evaluation of all future sidewalk installation and ADA compliance projects.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2010.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk