Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Living Spaces"

Policy Letter 208: **Linkage**

**BACKGROUND:**
Safe passages for bicyclers, walkers, and people using other forms of non-motorized transportation are important. One critical aspect of non-motorized transportation is the need for passage or linkage to be expanded between residential neighborhoods and the public or private schools throughout the community. The ability to use or acquire land that connects schools to parks, and parks to residential neighborhoods may not always be an easy task but it must be the shared responsibility of all citizens to meet this need.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**
**The City of Fargo should require that developers provide safe and convenient facilities for linkages between schools, parks, and residential neighborhoods. Also, the City and developers should adopt facility design standards and capacity levels which reflect the needs of the local neighborhood and the community.**

**CONCLUSION:**
The Metropolitan Bikeway Plan represents the development of an alternate transportation network within the area, but much of it shares roadway with motorized vehicles. Additionally, this plan is also concerned with serving the community needs for passages into business and shopping areas, rather than only residential areas. Coordination and the sharing of assets must continue between local departments and boards to effectively meet the non-motorized transportation needs of the area and to promote the development of safe and convenient passage among the residential neighborhoods.