

RESOLUTION 2016-07
WAIVED 3 READINGS AND DECLARED EMERGENCY

Bicycle Route Resolution

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various US Bicycle Routes.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation is supportive of AASHTO designated bicycle routes through Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific facilities the routes will traverse, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Centerburg and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

WHEREAS, we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the route may change over time because new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Centerburg hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of State and US Bicycle Routes, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Once the Route is approved, there may be efforts to publicize the route via internet maps, incorporating the Route on local maps, etc. Tourism agencies may be involved in these efforts.

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Village Administrator

Passed October 3, 2016



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Re: Proposed national and statewide bicycle route network

A recommendation from the Ohio Department of Transportation's long range plan, Access Ohio 2040, is to coordinate efforts with local jurisdictions to designate Ohio's first U.S. and State Bike Route network. This network will be similar to the interstate and state route system of highways. ODOT intends to have 5 U.S. bike routes and 18 state bike routes, and one or more of these proposed routes are planned to follow roadways or trails that are under your jurisdiction.

Please note the following items about this proposed bike route network. The routes:

- Are intended for use by long distance, experienced commuters
- Generally will connect communities or points of interest
- Are a combination of trails and on-road facilities
- Will use facilities that are available today
- Are not a recreational route
- Are not a construction project
- Are not a wish list for future roadway or trail improvements

Included with this letter is a map showing the proposed bike routes in your general area, and under your jurisdiction. These proposed routes have been coordinated with planning organizations, park boards and committees, some elected officials and bicycle advocates in area communities. In addition, each route has been driven by car to ensure the routes are appropriate for their intent. If you desire to modify the proposed routes, please let me know.

ODOT's intent is to complete the designation of these routes during the fall of 2016. Once designated, ODOT will identify the routes on our web-site and may eventually place signs along the routes, at no cost to your agency.

I am asking that your agency please consider for enactment the attached resolution. ODOT must have your agency's approval of this resolution before we can complete the designation. I am available to answer any questions that you may have and can be reached at 740-323-5184 or Randy.Comisford@dot.ohio.gov. Please send me a copy of the approved legislation by September 30, 2016 or contact me if this date cannot be met.

Respectfully,

SIGNATURE ON FILE

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