

RESOLUTION #2016-34

A resolution supporting the Ohio Department of Transportation's Proposed National and Statewide Bicycle Route Network.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contribution \$133 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; and

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

WHEREAS, ODOT has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes; and

WHEREAS, ODOT 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 Carroll County Commissioners and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of ODOT and other stakeholders, have proposed specific routes to be designated, a map 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, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio 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 ODOT. 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.

Mr. White moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;
Mr. Onler seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Ohler, Yes; Mr. White, Yes; Mr. Wirkner, Yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 22nd day of August, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY

ATTEST:

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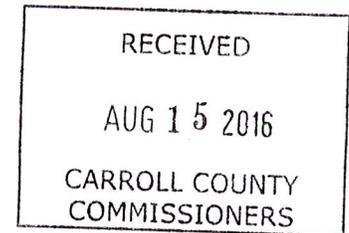
Re: Proposed national and statewide bicycle route network

Dear Commissioners:

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 state bike routes in Carroll County. SBR 62 begins near Zoar, traverses through Magnolia, then southeast through Carroll county, ending in the Steubenville area. SBR 85 begins in Marietta and passes through eastern Ohio on its way to Canton. It continues north to end in Akron at USBR 21. I have coordinated these proposed routes with planning organizations, park boards and committees, some elected officials and bicycle advocates in area communities. In addition, I have driven each route 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 330-308-3964 or Roxanne.Kane@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,

Roxanne R. Kane, P.E.
District 11 Bike/Ped Coordinator

Enclosures

