

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S LONG RANGE PLAN "ACCESS OHIO 2040" BY COORDINATING ITS EFFORTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF CRESTLINE AND OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS DESIGNATING OHIO'S FIRST U.S. AND STATE BIKE ROUTE NETWORK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$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 west-east corridor crossing northern Ohio to be developed as United States Bike Route 40 (USBR 40), and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a west-east corridor crossing northern Ohio to connect the US Bicycle Routes and communities as United States Bike Route 40 (USBR 40), and

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

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 Crestline 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 as USBR 40, 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CRESTLINE, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Village of Crestline hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 40, 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.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby determined that this Resolution is an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Village and for the further reason that there is an immediate need to establish this route through Crestline, and this Resolution shall therefore go into immediate effect provided it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members elected to this Council, otherwise it shall go into effect in thirty (30) days if passed by a majority vote of Council.

DATE: _____

Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

Gloria McDonald, Mayor

Attest:

Annette Johnston, Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:

Jon K. Burton, Law Director