

Resolution of approval and support for the designation of United States Bike Route 50 (USBR 50), a bicycling route that will pass through Franklin County (Engineer)

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

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a west-east corridor crossing the center of the state to be developed as United States Bike Route 50 (USBR); and

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

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has proposed a specific route through Franklin County to be designated as USBR 50, as shown on the attached map incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Engineer's Office has reviewed the proposed course and found it to be a suitable route; and

WHEREAS, the route may change over time as new facilities are constructed and/or other facilities are found to be more suitable for bicyclists;

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1) That Franklin County hereby expresses its approval and support for the designation of USBR 50, and requests that AASHTO make the official designation in accordance with the approved route shown on the attached map.

Section 2) That the Franklin County Engineer's Office is hereby authorized to post signs within County right-of-way to identify the route once AASHTO has made the official designation.

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