



Legislation Text

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Bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$198 billion annually to the economies of communities that provide facilities for tourists utilizing the facilities. The City of Columbus recognizes the importance of establishing a thorough bikeway infrastructure and has devoted substantial effort to construction of this bicycle friendly infrastructure.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated two North-South corridors crossing the center of the State to be developed as United States Bike Route 33 (USBR 33) and United States Bike Route 47 (USBR 47). The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is supportive of AASHTO designated bicycle routes through Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific routes to be used.

The Department of Public Service and the Recreation and Parks Department has 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 the area. The current plan will be comprised of a combination of bike routes and shared use path within the City of Columbus as well as routes in Franklin County that are not in The City of Columbus.

To express the approval and support for the development of USBR 33 and USBR 47, and request that the route is officially designated by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and authorizes the posting of signs within the City of Columbus right-of way identifying the route through the community once the official designation has been made.

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WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$198 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 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 City of Columbus and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed specific routes to be designated as various US and State Bike Routes, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

WHEREAS, the relevant City of Columbus agencies have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and the City of Columbus desires that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby

promoting bicycle tourism in our area,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus acknowledges the route may change over time because new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Columbus hereby expresses its approval for the development of State Bike Routes 33 and 47, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and authorizes the posting of signs within the City right-of-way identifying the route through the community once the official designation has been made.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.