

RESOLUTION NO. 12-19

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ODOT BIKE ROUTES

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 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 Council of Plain City, Ohio 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, 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,

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 Council of Plain City, Ohio hereby expresses its approval and support for the development for the development of various State and US Bike Routes, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO. Once the Route is approved by AASHTO, 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.

Passed: May 13, 2019.

Attest: Renee Sonnett
Village Fiscal Officer

Darrin Lane
Mayor

First reading: April 22, 2019. Vote: yea nay abstain
Second reading: May 8, 2019. Vote: yea nay abstain
Third reading: May 13, 2019. Vote: 6 yea nay abstain

Certificate of Publication

The undersigned, being Village Fiscal Officer of the Village of Plain City, hereby certifies that the foregoing was published by posting for 15 days as required by law and in accordance with Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances. The posting was done from 5-23, 2019 to 12-31, 2019 at the Office of the Fiscal Officer located at 213 South Chillicothe Street; the Plain City Public Library located at 305 W. Main Street; the Security National Bank located at 105 W. Main Street; the Richwood Banking Co. located at 601 W. Main Street; all being in the Village of Plain City, Ohio and the Village of Plain City Website at www.plain-city.com.

Date: May 22, 2019

Renee Sonnett
Village Fiscal Officer



State & US BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM



GOAL

Establish a statewide network of State and U.S. Bike Routes, which will provide bicyclists with safe and convenient connections through and to population centers and destinations in Ohio. The system will serve as a strong backbone that local and regional bike networks can build on and connect to across the state.

WHAT

Ohio's State and U.S. Bike Route System builds off routes included in the U.S. Bike Route System (USBRS) that was established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The first U.S. Route was designated in 1982. Today there are 41 U.S. Bike Routes that travel across 26 states and the District of Columbia.

There are segments of five U.S. Bikes Routes in Ohio encompassing 1,400 miles and providing

bike connections to the rest of the country — from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco and from Cleveland to Atlanta. They include USBR 21, 25, 30, 44 and 50.

In addition, Ohio has over 1,600 miles of proposed State Bike Routes throughout the state. They are a combination of trails and on-road facilities. Together these routes connect more than 400 Ohio communities for intrastate travel, recreation and tourism.



WHY

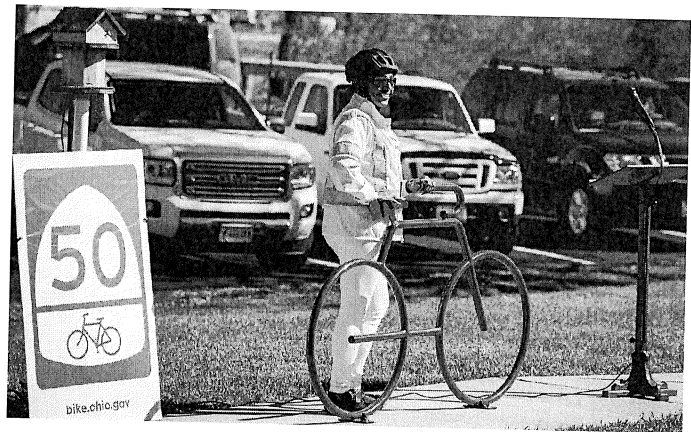
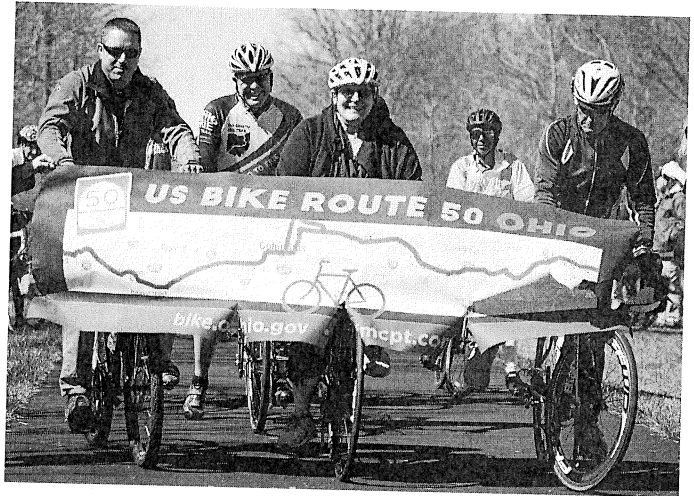
Although most roadways in Ohio are open to bike traffic, there are several reasons for designating, signing and improving specific roadways and shared use paths as part of the State and U.S. Bike Route System.

For road users, they include:

- Identifying the best, or only, travel alignment within a transportation corridor for bicyclists.
- Alerting motorists to the possible presence of bicyclists and reminding the traveling public that bicyclists are legitimate roadway users.
- Accommodating local and long-distance bike travel for users of all ages and abilities.

For communities, they include:

- Promoting economic development through bike tourism. Nationally, research shows that bike travel:
 - Contributes \$83 billion annually to the U.S. economy
 - Supports more than 845,000 jobs across the U.S.
 - Produces \$97 billion in annual retail sales
- Improving safety, mobility and quality of life for residents and visitors to Ohio.
- Informing local bike network planning and investments.
- Informing statewide investments and coordinating regional and local opportunities to construct safe and accommodating bike facilities along priority routes.



HOW

Ohio's State and U.S. Bike Route System was developed as part of Access 2040, Ohio's current long-range transportation plan.

As part of the route identification and selection process, considerations included:

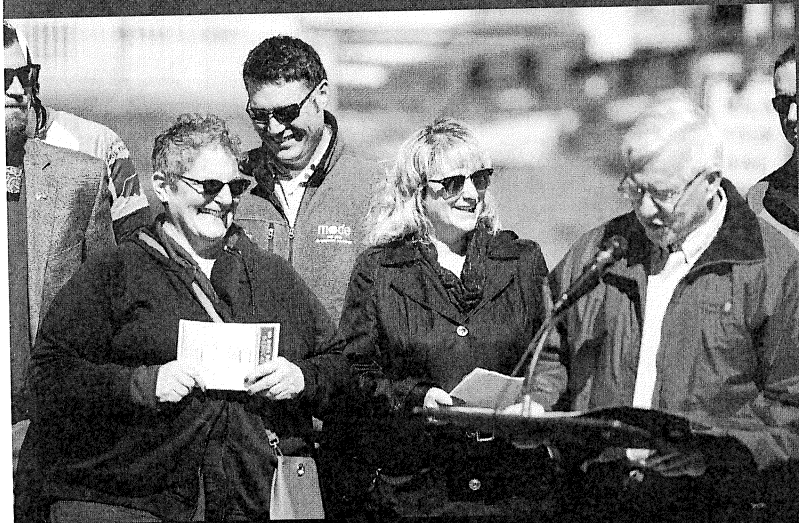
- Low volumes of traffic
- Wide shoulders
- Low speed limits
- Pavement conditions
- Topography

Additional considerations were: route continuity, community connectivity, local support and incorporating existing or proposed regional bike facilities into the State and U.S. Bike Route System.

After ODOT developed a draft network, state and partner agency staff and volunteers assisted in vetting the routes in their communities.

Communities can request bike route changes as needed. Details on requesting changes is at bike.ohio.gov, click on State and U.S. Bike Routes. State and U.S. Bike Route maps will be updated quarterly on ODOT's website.

ODOT is currently working to secure the needed 403 resolutions from local jurisdictions around the state. For a route to be designated, local jurisdictions, such as cities, counties or villages, will sign a resolution of support for the development of State and U.S. Bike Routes in their community. To date nearly 72% of needed resolutions have been signed.



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