

Resolution No. 962-2020

By Council Members: Brancatelli and Kelley (by departmental request)

An emergency resolution supporting the establishment of a statewide network of State and US Bike Routes and allowing for the designation, mapping, signing, and promotion of State and US Bike Routes along selected bicycle facilities in the City of Cleveland.

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; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State 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 City of Cleveland 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 placed in File No. 962-2020-A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has investigated the proposed routes and found them to be suitable routes, and desires that the routes be designated so that they can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland acknowledges the routes may change over time because new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Council of the City of Cleveland hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of various State and US Bike Routes, and requests, and authorizes, the appropriate City officials to take all necessary steps to seek and secure official designation of those routes by AASHTO. Once the Routes are approved by

AASHTO, there may be efforts to publicize the routes via internet maps, incorporating the Routes on local maps, etc. Tourism agencies may be involved in these efforts.

Section 2. That this resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted March 15, 2021.

Effective March 16, 2021.