#### LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

#### Mayor's Office of Capital Projects Division of Engineering & Construction

### AGREEMENT FOR SIGN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE TO SUPPORT THE STATE AND US BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ordinance No:

252-2023

Legislative Purpose:

To authorize the Director of The Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to permit the installation of signage denoting the location of the State and US Bike Route System in the city limits and to assume maintenance and ownership of the signs after installation.

**Project Summary:** 

The State and US Bike Route System is a network of bicycle routes which provides bicyclist with safe and convenient connections through and to population centered destinations in Ohio. The Cleveland portion of the route is approximately 15-miles and follows a path along Lake Erie between W. 117<sup>th</sup> St. and Neff Rd/Lakeshore Blvd.

The US Bike Route System created by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has established numbered bicycle routes throughout the United States. Currently the 18,950 mile system has routes in 34 states with a goal of 50,000 miles upon completion.

Cities where the route traverses have the opportunity to partner with ODOT by allowing for the placement of bike route identifiers by ODOT. These routes provide safety, mobility and quality of life for residents and visitors and promote economic development through bike tourism.

Through the agreement, ODOT will supply and install the bike route signage in the right of way. After installation, the City of Cleveland will own the

signs and be responsible for maintenance, replacement and relocation as needed.

ODOT does not maintain the personnel and equipment purposed for operation, management and maintenance of bike routes therefore ODOT is seeking City to assume responsibilities for maintenance, repair, and relocation based on the requirements of the State and US Bike Route System.

We are seeking authority to enter into agreement with ODOT to execute the install of signage for the State and US Bike Route System.

Project Schedule:

Agreements from Stakeholders submitted to ODOT by April 1, 2023. Signage install will begin December 2023. Project completion is anticipated for June 2024.

Price:

City shall be responsible for repair, maintenance and relocation costs.

Term:

N/A

Ward:

Ward 7 (Councilmember Stephanie D. Howse) Ward 8 (Councilmember Michael D. Polensek) Ward 10 (Councilmember Anthony T. Hairston) Ward 15 (Councilmember Jenny Spencer)

Attachments:

Sign Location Coordinates, State & US Bike Route

System Summary Sheet

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# US Bike Route Signing Project

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## State & US BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM

#### **US BIKE ROUTE SIGNAGE PROJECT - 2023**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is initiating a US Bicycle Route (USBR) signage project in 2023. Routes include USBRs 25, 30, and 230. ODOT will furnish and install signage for local communities who sign an agreement for installation and/or maintenance by no later than April 1, 2023.

Although signage is not a requirement of USBRs, ODOT is supporting the installation of signs to increase awareness and expectation for bicyclists and to provide residents and visitors with wayfinding information.



#### MAINTAINING SIGNAGE

US Bike Routes in Ohio include both <u>on-road and off-road routes</u>. Many of these roads and trails are maintained by local authorities who will be responsible for maintaining USBR signs on facilities under their authority. Because of this, local agreements must be received in order to participate and receive signage. Sign maintenance includes replacement, when necessary.

In the future, if USBR alignments are adjusted, local authorities will be responsible for relocating signs. However, USBR alignments cannot be changed simply by moving signs. Route changes must be submitted to ODOT for approval. USBR alignment requests can be submitted to ODOT using this form at any time.

#### SIGNAGE PLAN

Locations for USBR signs are provided using their latitude and longitude in the Signage Location Spreadsheet and can be viewed on this online map. The plan includes:

- ➤ Installation of one M1-9 Alternative sign and direction arrow at each turn along designated USBRs
- Installation of additional confirmation signs where turns are 5+ miles apart
- > 18x24 signs will be used for on-road locations
- > 12x18 signs will be used for trail locations

Where USBRs overlap, each individual route will be signed. Locations were selected to support navigation and minimize conflicts such as utilities, driveways, and guardrail.



Facility owners have the authority to include additional signs outside this statewide plan at their own discretion and cost using engineering judgement. More information on USBRs in Ohio, including signage, is available <a href="https://example.com/here/bere/">here</a>.



#### IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

By April 1<sup>st</sup>, ODOT requests that facility owners review the Signage Location Spreadsheet or online map and submit a signed agreement and contact information here:

\*\*\* ODOT US Bicycle Route Signage Project Participation Form \*\*\*

#### **AGREEMENTS**

One of the following agreements must be signed and submitted via the above form:

- > Sign Installation and Maintenance Agreement: Intended for communities who want the signs and posts installed by ODOT contractors. Minor adjustments can be made during the two-week staking process (described below).
- > Sign Maintenance Only Agreement: Intended for communities who want the signs and posts delivered for installation by local forces. Submissions must include a delivery contact, delivery address (non-residential), and phone number.

#### ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Collect Agreements from Local Stakeholders	by April 2023
Begin Construction	by December 2023
End Construction	bv June 2024

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

- > ODOT is hosting an informational webinar on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for local governments who want to learn more. For more information, please register for the Project Overview Webinar.
- Facility owners will have an opportunity to review locations ahead of installation. Proposed sign locations will be marked with a construction stake by a contractor for a two-week review period at which time local authorities may request minor adjustments.
- Segments of USBR 50 and its alternative route, which were previously signed, may be modified to include signing of USBR 25 where the routes overlap or intersect. This is detailed in the statewide signage spreadsheet.
- > A shapefile of sign locations can be provided upon request.
- ➤ If you need additional assistance, please contact BikeOhio@dot.ohio.gov or 614-466-3049.

#### ADDITIONAL INFO ON USBRS IN OHIO

The <u>US Bicycle Route System</u> is created by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and supported by Adventure Cycling. Segments of five US Bike Routes are in Ohio connecting to the rest of the country. Adventure Cycling maintains <u>route maps and wayfinding resources</u> which can be downloaded to further support navigation. In 2016, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) installed USBR signs along USBR 50.

For more information, visit ODOT's State & US Bike Route System webpage.





#### City of Cleveland Memorandum Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

Date:

February 8, 2023

To:

Mark D. Griffin, Director

Department of Law

From:

James D. DeRosa, Director

Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Subject:

State and US Bike Route System Sign Installation and

Maintenance Agreement

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to enter into a sign installation and maintenance agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the placement of signage in the right of way to designate and identify the routes of the State and US Bike Routes System that traverse the Cleveland city limits.

Thank you.

JDD/kjc

Encl.

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