

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2020 (PD)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution expressing the City's approval and support for the development of State Bicycle Route 80; requesting that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and declaring an emergency.

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 Heights 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 incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City has investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desires that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism and a regional connection that includes the City of Cleveland Heights; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City of Cleveland Heights hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of various State and US Bike Routes, including State Bicycle Route 80, as shown on the attached map, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO.

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SECTION 2. Once the Route is approved by AASHTO, the City will support efforts to publicize the route via internet maps, to incorporate the route on local maps, and to involve tourism agencies in these efforts.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to express support and approval of the foregoing at the earliest time possible to ensure development of State and US Bike Routes. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: October 5, 2020