

RESOLUTION NO. R-23-17

**A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL & SUPPORT FOR THE AN OHIO DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATION OF A BICYCLE ROUTE
THROUGH THE CITY OF AVON ALONG MILLS ROAD
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$133 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) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed and known United States Bicycle Routes (USBRs); and

WHEREAS, the AASHTO and ODOT have designated a west-east corridor crossing northern Ohio to be developed and known as United States Bike Route 30 (USBR 30); and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route across the City of Avon via Mills Road to be designated as a portion of USBR 30, maps of which are herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; 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, ODOT 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 our area; and

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

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Community that the City to support AASHTO, ODOT and the Adventure Cycling Association in its efforts to designate for the time being Mills Road to be a portion of USBR 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 – That the City of Avon hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 30, and requests that the route be officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Section 2 – That once Mills Road route is approved as a portion of USBR30, the City of Avon will support ODOT's efforts to publicize the route via internet maps, incorporating the Route on local maps, and the use of social media platforms.

Section 3 – That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4- That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to encourage economic activities within Avon at the earliest time via enhanced bicycle tourism; therefore, this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Craig L. Witherspoon, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places as
Provided by Council

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