

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO EXPRESSING IT'S APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES, AND REQUESTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SEE TO IT THAT THE ROUTE IS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North American, contributing one hundred thirty-three billion dollars (\$133,000,000,000) 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. SBR 39, and;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes to connect the US Bicycle Routes and communities. SBR 39, and;

WHEREAS, ODOT has designated a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various State Bicycle Routes, and;

WHEREAS, ODOT 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 Findlay and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed specific routes to be designated, 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, and;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge 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 Findlay, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the City of Findlay hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of State and US Bicycle Routes, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Once the Route is approved, 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.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

R. Ronald Monday
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *Pro-Tem*
Ryden J. Michael
MAYOR

PASSED March 7, 2017
ATTEST Denise DeLore
CLERK OF COUNCIL
APPROVED March 7, 2017



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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December 20, 2016

Re: Proposed national and statewide bicycle route network

Dear Lydia Mihalik,

A recommendation from the Ohio Department of Transportation's long range plan, Access Ohio 2040, is to coordinate efforts with local jurisdictions to designate Ohio's first U.S. and State Bike Route network. This network will be similar to the interstate and state route system of highways. ODOT intends to have five (5) U.S. bike routes and 18 state bike routes, and one or more of these proposed routes are planned to follow roadways or trails that are under your jurisdiction.

Please note the following items about this proposed bike route network. The routes:

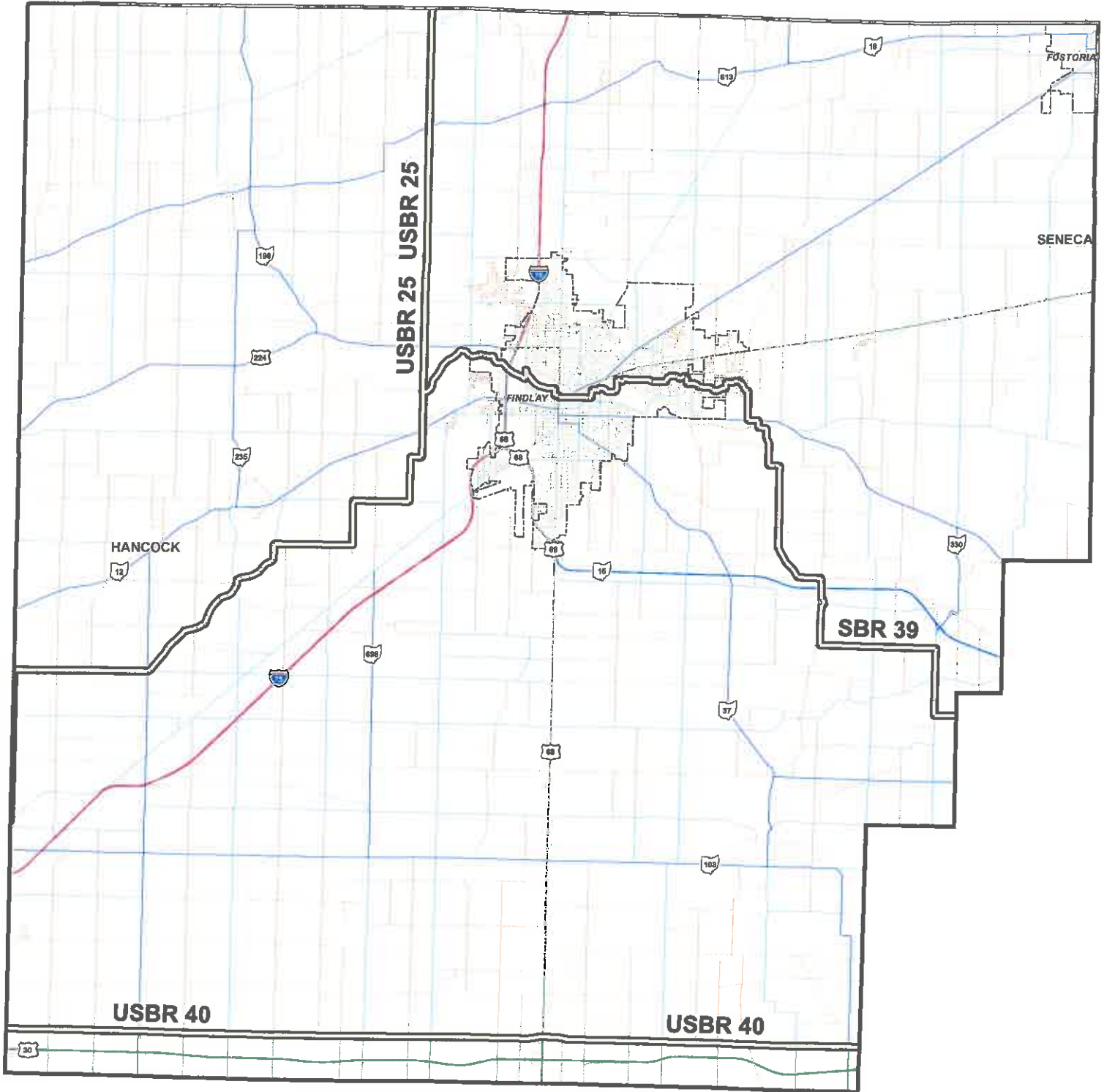
- Are intended for use by long distance, experienced commuters
- Generally will connect communities or points of interest
- Are a combination of trails and on-road facilities
- Will use facilities that are available today
- **Are not** a recreational route
- **Are not** a construction project
- **Are not** a wish list for future roadway or trail improvements

Included with this letter are two maps, one showing the proposed bike route(s) in your general area and the other shows the proposed bike route(s) under your jurisdiction. Comments have been solicited concerning the proposed routes with planning organizations, park boards, elected officials and bicycle advocates in area communities. Since the bike route comment period has ended, any further desires to modify the proposed route will be addressed in the future after the initial route is set up. Routing concerns can be sent to Beth.Clark@dot.ohio.gov in the interim.

ODOT's intent is to complete the designation of these routes during the spring of 2017. Once designated, ODOT will identify the routes on our web-site and may eventually place signs along the routes at no cost to your agency.

I ask that your agency consider and enact the attached resolution. ODOT must have your agency's approval of this resolution before we can complete the designation. I am available to answer any questions that you may have and can be reached at 419-999-6865 or Beth.Clark@dot.ohio.gov. Please contact me or send me a copy of the approved legislation by February 15, 2017.

US & State Bike Route Designation Maps - Hancock County



City Boundary	Other Routes
Route Designation Type	Roads by Type
SR Designated	Interstate Route
SR Proposed	United States Route
US Designated	State Route
US Proposed	County Road
	Township Road

Date: 12/9/2016



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