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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

EXPRESSING the support of the Mayor and City Council to designate certain bike routes crossing the City as U.S. Bicycle Routes, per the recommendation of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering.

WHEREAS, 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") has designated a series of corridors crossing the country to be designated as U.S. Bicycle Routes to facilitate connection between a nationwide system and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the two U.S. Bicycle Routes suggested by AASHTO that would cross the State of Ohio are U.S. Bicycle Route 21 ("USBR-21") and U.S. Bicycle Route 25 ("USBR-25"), and the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") supports the designation and also intends to recognize the routes as state bicycle routes; and

WHEREAS, portions of the two U.S. Bicycle Routes, USBR-21 and USBR-25, coincide with existing off-street and on-street bicycle facilities that have been or will be constructed by the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is supportive of the AASHTO suggested designation of U.S. Bicycle Routes in Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific facilities the routes will traverse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati and the Adventure Cycling Association, a national organization that has a local presence in the City, together with ODOT and other stakeholders, have proposed the specific routes to be designated, and a map showing the routes is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering has investigated the proposed routes, agrees that designating them will promote bicycle tourism in the City, and recommends that the routes should be so designated and mapped; and

WHEREAS, once the routes are approved, there may be efforts to publicize the routes via internet maps, but the routes shall not be officially recognized and assigned bicycle route numbers until bicycle-specific infrastructure is present; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby express their support for the development of U.S. Bicycle Routes and request that the appropriate officials take all necessary and proper actions to ensure the two proposed bicycle routes through the City of Cincinnati, as depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto, are officially designated as U.S. Bicycle Route 21 (“USBR-21”) and U.S. Bicycle Route 25 (“USBR-25”) by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (“AASHTO”) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”).

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be sent to ODOT and to AASHTO through the City’s Department of Transportation and Engineering.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk