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ITEM #8
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MEMORANDUM

August 4, 2013

To: Board of Mayor and Alderman

From: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator *Eric*
Vernon Gerth, ACA-Community & Economic Development

Subject: Consideration of Resolution 2013-52, A Resolution Supporting The Development Of U.S. Bicycle Route 23 Through The City Of Franklin

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider a request from Bike/Walk Tennessee members Bruce Day and David Shumaker to establish United States Bicycle Route 23, part of which would be located in Williamson County and Franklin.

Background

Bike/Walk Tennessee members have been working with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), Adventure Cycling, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to establish the first North/South officially designated U.S. Bicycle Route through Tennessee. This project, which is being sponsored by AASHTO, is part of a national effort to build a U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS). Williamson County and Franklin both lie within the proposed North/South Corridor that will connect Tennessee to Kentucky and Alabama. This segment through Davidson and Williamson Counties also serve as a connector to the Natchez Trace Parkway.

The proposed route through Franklin has been reviewed by City staff and rode by Bike/Walk Tennessee members. When officially approved, the route will eventually be mapped and published in various cycling and tourism publications.

Financial Impact

With bicycle tourism on the rise throughout the nation, the proposed route for USBR 23 will provide a benefit to Franklin residents by providing an additional designated cycling route as well as increasing tourism which bring visitors to our community who support local businesses. Bike/Walk Tennessee members have requested Franklin provide, install, and maintain signage. The final cost will be determined when installation guidelines are provided. To keep costs to a minimum, this work would be performed by our Street Department Sign Division.

Recommendation

City staff recommends approval of Resolution 2013-52, forwarding copy of the approved Resolution to the TDOT, and upon formal designation install approved signage.

RESOLUTION 2013-52

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 23 THROUGH THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE AND BEYOND

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, presently contributing approximately \$47 billion dollars a year nationally to the economies of communities that provide facilities for said tourism; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor connecting Kentucky to Alabama through Middle Tennessee to be developed as United States Bike Route 23 (USBR 23); and

WHEREAS, Bike Walk Tennessee and Adventure Cycling, two not-for-profit cycling organizations, with the cooperation of the Tennessee Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 23, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USBR 23 traverses Williamson County and the City of Franklin, Tennessee and is expected to provide a benefit to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has duly considered said proposed route and determined it to be a suitable route through the City and desires the route be formally designated so that it can be appropriately mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE THAT: the City of Franklin hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 23 as detailed in attached addenda and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and that the appropriate City staff officially designate the route within the City limits with approved signage.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 27th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSE

By: _____

ERIC S. STUCKEY
City Administrator

By: _____

Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to Form

By: _____

Kristen L. Corn
Staff Attorney

CORRIDOR PLAN

JUNE 2013

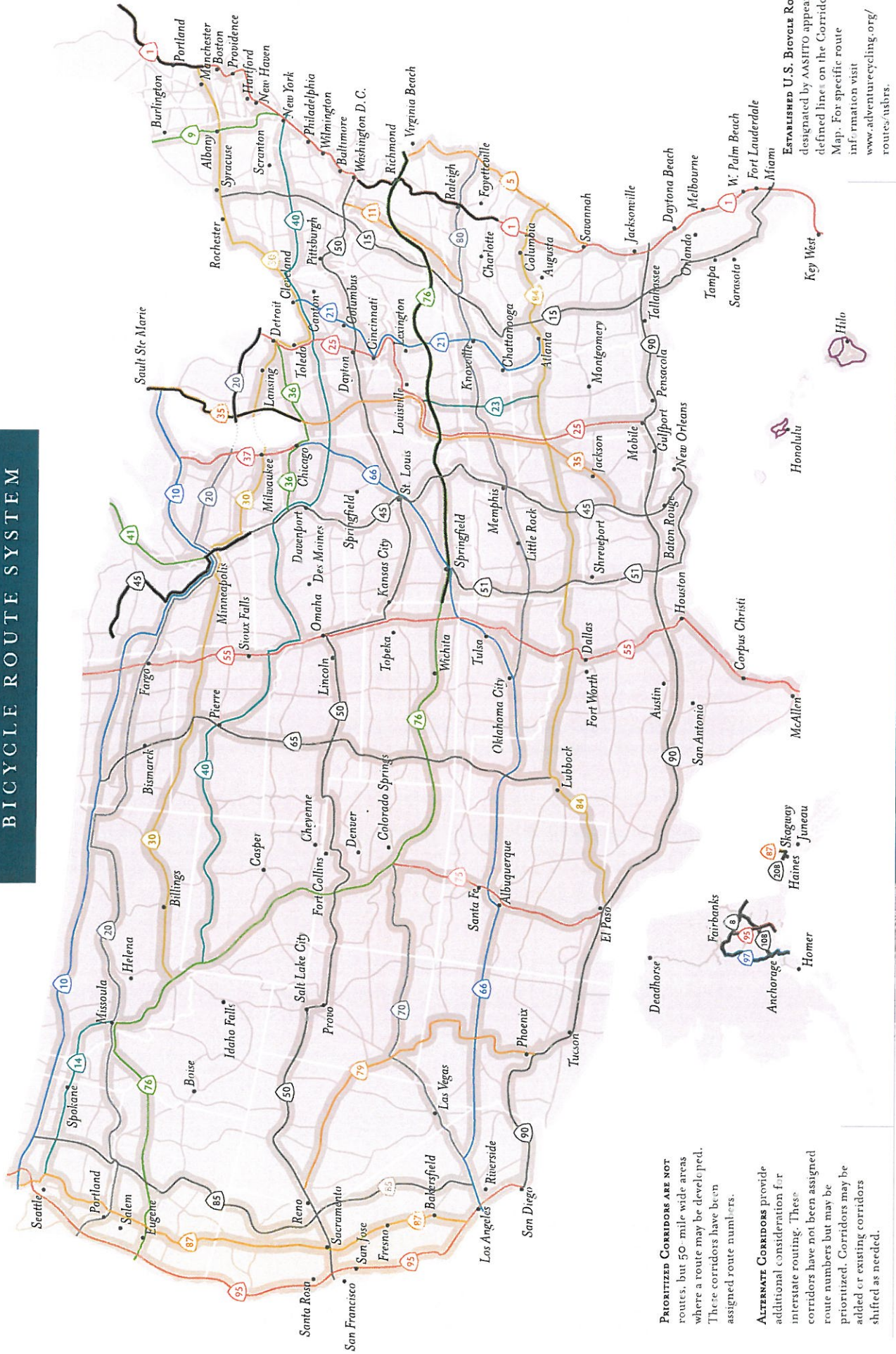
THE GOAL OF THE UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM IS TO CONNECT AMERICA THROUGH A NETWORK OF NUMBERED INTERSTATE BICYCLE ROUTES.

THE UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM



Adventure Cycling Association
America's bicycle travel experts

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS
AASHTO
THE VOICE OF TRANSPORTATION



PRIORITIZED CORRIDORS ARE NOT routes, but 50-mile wide areas where a route may be developed. These corridors have been assigned route numbers.

ALTERNATE CORRIDORS provide additional consideration for interstate routing. These corridors have not been assigned route numbers but may be prioritized. Corridors may be added or existing corridors shifted as needed.

ESTABLISHED U.S. BICYCLE ROUTES designated by AASHTO appear as defined lines on the Corridor Map. For specific route information visit www.adventurecycling.org/routes/usbrs.

- PRIORITIZED CORRIDOR**
- ALTERNATE CORRIDOR**
- PRIVATE OR PUBLIC FERRY**
- UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE**

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