

Resolution # 2-13-2024(A)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE-TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL: TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND, ADD BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders—a 501(c)(3) non-profit—was founded in 1997 to develop a shared-use trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board of County Commissioners and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop the first 2.5 mile section of the Simon Kenton Trail between State Route 55 and Woodburn Road south of Urbana with this section being officially opened to the public on July 1, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, between 2002-2004, community partnerships between the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, Champaign County Board of County Commissioners, Clark County Board of County Commissioners, National Trails Park and Recreation District, City of Springfield, City of Urbana, West Central Ohio Port Authority, and Clark County Transportation Coordinating Committee resulted in the completion of the Simon Kenton Trail from Springfield through Urbana; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana received funds to renovate the Urbana Depot in 2005 and completed the project including restoration, repair, new restrooms, landscaping, sidewalks, and street lights in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana and Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to complete Phase 1 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail as an asphalt path from the Urbana Depot on Miami Street to the northern corporation limits of Urbana and it officially opened to the public on June 3, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bellefontaine and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail from the northern corporation limits of Urbana to Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine; and,

WHEREAS, the sixteen (16) miles of trail were constructed as a crushed aggregate surface in order to connect the two communities together sooner and this Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector opened to the public in the Spring of 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.13 mile section of the trail from the end of the present asphalt pavement (Urbana corporation line) north to State Route 296 in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.30 mile section of the trail south from Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine to Township Road 199 and the parking lot at Carter Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed the final 5.22 miles from Township Road 199 to the Logan/Champaign county line, the West Liberty parking lot and ramp access to the trail, and the remaining 6.23 miles from State Route 296 to the Champaign/Logan county line; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Trail is part of the State Bike Route System (Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana-Springfield-Yellow Springs-Xenia) and continues to Cincinnati; and,

WHEREAS, residents and visitors to Ohio should be able to ride their bike from the highest point in Ohio at Campbell Hill near Bellefontaine (1,549' above sea level) to the lowest point in Ohio at the Ohio River near Cincinnati in Hamilton County (455' above sea level); and,

WHEREAS, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUC) commissioned a technical memorandum to evaluate a feasible alternative to replace the chipped/sealed Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector with hot-mix asphalt including profile analysis to identify any geometric or drainage issues, earthwork and erosion repair, and need(s) for bike path railing; and,

WHEREAS, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, several communities along the Simon Kenton Trail, and several other organizations desire to see this final course of hot-mix asphalt, resolution of geometric and drainage issues, and addition of bike path railing applied to make this section of trail more usable for all types of bicycles which will result in increased usage and tourism; and,


WHEREAS, the Board of Logan County Commissioners is willing to pursue funding through a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request.

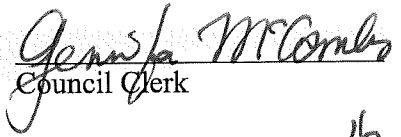
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH LEWISBURG, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this entity supports the application by the Board of Logan County Commissioners for a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail to pave a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, and add bike path railing where warranted by the technical memorandum; and,

SECTION 2: That this entity supports the continued efforts of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders to work collaboratively to develop the trail system within the local community; and,

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

Passed: 6-0 
Council President

Attest: 
Council Clerk

This Resolution approved by me this 13th day of February, 2024.


Mayor