

Capital Budget/OTSCIF Request - Bike Path, Logan County Commissioners

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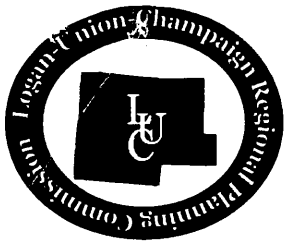
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Logan-Union-Champaign regional planning commission

Director: Bradley J. Bodenmiller

December 18, 2023

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for Final Pavement Course on Simon Kenton Trail
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

The Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUC) is a voluntary, three county organization. **Our membership includes several of the townships and municipalities within each of the respective counties, a membership total of 66 local governments.** Since our founding in the 1960s, LUC continues to serve and advise our members in planning initiatives and land use decisions.

Our 1970 Regional Plan stresses the importance of regional recreation facilities and the availability of those facilities to the public. The demands of people are not met by just the local park or meeting house, but by a combination of services available regionally in the several townships, villages, and cities.

To emphasize the level of collaboration and cooperation, you will see signatures on this letter from LUC, but also from the **County Engineers and the mayors of the three municipalities (Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana) along the trail.**

Existing Trails.

Grassroots and State-level support has been critical to the success of trail construction in our region. In the early 2000s, the bike path from Clark County was extended in Champaign County. **Most recently, the bike path was extended into Logan County, through West Liberty to Bellefontaine.** This important regional asset is possible because of community leaders, local governments, non-profits, private donations and fundraising, corporate sponsors, volunteers, and strong community support.

Our organization recently became one of the State's six Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs). **LUC has collected bike path data and observed high counts relative to the population of our rural communities.** Our counter, in June, at our Bellefontaine location reported over 2,000 counts and our counters, in June, at each of our Urbana locations also reported over 2,000 counts.

Planning Documents Support the Project.

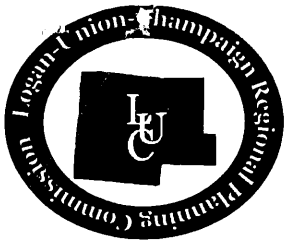
Our organization is involved in land use planning activities, including local and State-level transportation planning activities. This project is incorporated into State, regional, and county plans.

- State Bike Route System. This trail is designated State Bike Route 23. The goal of this network is to provide bicyclists with safe and convenient connections through and to population centers and destinations in Ohio, serving as a strong backbone that local and regional bike networks can build on and connect across the State.
- LUC Regional Transportation Plan (2015 + 2023) & Champaign County Comprehensive Plan Update (2020). The LUC Regional Transportation Plan for Logan & Champaign counties supports

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surfacing of the existing trail. Champaign County's Comprehensive Plan Update also supports surfacing of the existing trail; the public survey performed as part of the Update indicated 72.26% of respondents utilized parks and bike paths with strong, majority support for extending and maintaining the bike path.

Strategic Investment.

This is not a pilot project, and it is not an attempt to set monies aside for a generic or general purpose. This rural bike path is a proven, local success story. After extending the trail from Urbana to Bellefontaine using aggregate, it was planned to be chip-sealed and eventually completed with a final course. **The aggregate course is complete. The chip-seal is complete. The request is for assistance with the final course.**

Please consider this letter our support for the Final Pavement Course on the Simon Kenton Trail and the request for Capital Bill Funding and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF).

Sincerely,

Bradley Bodenmiller
Director | LUC RPC

Scott Coleman
Logan County Engineer

Steve McCall
Champaign County Engineer

Ben Stahler
Mayor | City of Bellefontaine

Jill McKelvey
Mayor | Village of West Liberty

Bill Bean
Mayor | City of Urbana

February 27, 2024

RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
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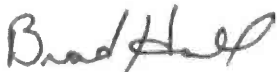
I work for the Bellefontaine City School District. As a school district committed to the health and well-being of our students and community, we fully endorse the establishment of a paved bike trail. Such infrastructure not only promotes physical activity but also fosters a safer environment for our students and families to enjoy recreational activities together.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum). This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

Thank you for your consideration to invest in the health and well-being of our students and community.

Sincerely,



Brad Hall
Superintendent
Bellefontaine City School District

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Resolution # 2-2024

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,

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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,

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Bloomfield TOWNSHIP, Logan 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.

This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 12 day of February, 2024.

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Attest:

Laura Magoto
Fiscal Officer

Kelly Cepel
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

Andrew P. [Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Kyle Kruif
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Champaign County Commissioners

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NATALIE RANSELL

January 23, 2024

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

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Champaign County, Ohio met in regular session January 23, 2024 with the following present:

Steven Hess
A. Nino Vitale
Timothy Cassady

Mr. Vitale moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

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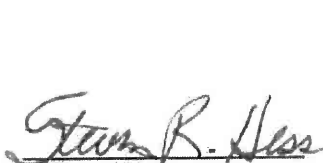
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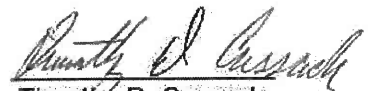
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Mr. Cassady seconded the motion and the result of the vote was:
Mr. Hess, yes; Mr. Vitale, yes; Mr. Cassady, yes.


Steven R. Hess


A. Nino Vitale


Timothy D. Cassady

I, Natalie Ransdell, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, certify this to be a true and correct statement as taken from the minutes of the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 65, under the date of January 23, 2024.

cc: LUC Regional Planning Commission

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Resolution # 24-02-17

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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.

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Champaign COUNTY, OHIO:

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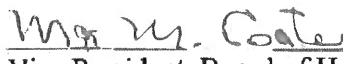
Roll call resulted as follows:

Passed: 2/14/2024

President, Board of Health

Attest: 

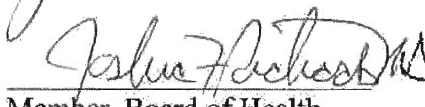
Director/Secretary



Vice President, Board of Health



Member, Board of Health



Member, Board of Health

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Feb 28, 2024

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Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because this project will create opportunities for economic development, support our existing member businesses, and make our area more marketable for tourism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Neer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sara Neer
Executive Director
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

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2/16/2024

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Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for Catholic Social Services. Our organization provides education of transportation options in Champaign County through our Mobility Management Program. **Part of our mission is to provide resources and options for people to get to and from the bike path and walking trails.**

Existing Trail.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). **The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.**

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because the bike path provides another option of making our community more accessible through the connectivity to other communities and helps promote health and wellbeing to individuals of all ages.

Sincerely,



Michelle Caserta-Bixler
Mobility Manager
Catholic Social Services

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CHAMPAIGN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

2/13/2023

RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)

Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector

Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am the Director of the Champaign Economic Partnership. Our organization is the agency that oversees all economic development for Champaign County. Part of our mission is to provide our citizens with opportunities through economic development projects to improve their quality of life. It has been proven over and over that having accessible biking trails greatly improves both economic development and the communities along those trails quality of life dramatically.

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because I believe it will attract more residents to our communities and offer many economic and quality of life opportunities in our great county. It also will help to provide tourism and visitors to come and enjoy our many unique shops and eateries as well. This investment from the State will provide a boon to our economy and help attract visitors and residents while providing a healthy lifestyle choice and help us connect with other communities.

We would be very grateful for the funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Ebert'.

Richard Ebert
Director
Champaign Economic Partnership

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February 2, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for the Champaign Transit System. Our organization provides transportation for all individuals in Champaign County. **Part of our mission is to provide the ability for people to get to and from the bike bath for biking, walking, running or just hanging out at the depot.**

Existing Trail.

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because the bike path is wonderful for our community and as an enticement for people to come into our community to visit and use the path as well as see the other attractions in our wonderful community.

Sincerely,



Gary Ledford
Transit Director
Champaign Transit System

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2/7/2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association of Bellefontaine. We have been a reputable financial institution for the residents of Logan County since 1885. **Part of our mission is to support community projects that enhance the lives of our fellow residents.**

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because a nice bike path provides a safe, enjoyable place for families to enjoy the outdoors and brings commerce to the local area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin M. Dinovo', written over a horizontal line.



Justin M. Dinovo
President
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RESOLUTION NO. R24-13

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,

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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,

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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,

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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,

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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 CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO:

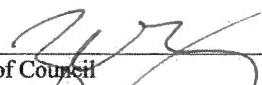
SECTION I: That this entity supports the application by the Board of Logan County Commissioners for a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail to pave a final course of hot-mix asphalt,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

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

SECTION IV: That this resolution shall become effective at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 1-23, 2024



President of Council

Attest: 


Clerk of Council


Approved: 1-23, 2024




Mayor

PARKS COMMITTEE:








Mackin Fitzpatrick
Deborah Baker

CERTIFICATE OF COPY
STATE OF OHIO

City of Urbana of Champaign County, Ohio

I, Roger Steffan, as Clerk of the City of Urbana of Champaign County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2685-24 adopted by the Legislative Authority of the said City of Urbana on the 16th day of January, 2024, that the publication of such Resolution has been made and certified of record according to law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Resolution have been taken; and that such Resolution and certificate of publication thereof are of record in Volume Q, Page 345-347.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable, this 17th day of January, 2024.



Roger Steffan
City of Urbana
Clerk of Council



SEAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2685-24

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. (One (1) reading required, no public hearing required)

Department Requesting: Community Development Sponsor: Councilman Pat Thackery

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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 City of Urbana, County of Champaign and State of Ohio:

SECTION ONE:

That the City of Urbana and Urbana City Council support 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.

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SECTION TWO:

That the City of Urbana and Urbana City Council support the continued efforts of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders to work collaboratively to develop the trail system within the local community.

SECTION THREE:

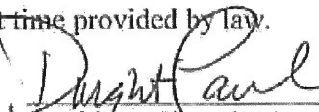
That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from the City of Urbana.

SECTION FOUR:

That the formal actions and discussion of Urbana City Council concerning this legislation were conducted in open meetings in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 and Urbana Codified Ordinance 107.01.

SECTION FIVE:

That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.



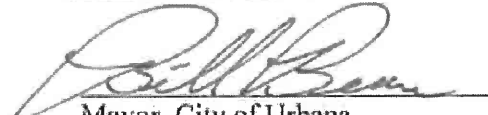
President, City of Urbana Council

PASSED: January 16, 2024

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council

This Resolution approved by me this 16th day of January, 2024.



Mayor, City of Urbana

REVIEWED:  1/16/24
Director of Law Date

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February 14, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan
Counties**

Chair
Johnathan Burr

1st Vice-Chair
Leann Castillo

2nd Vice-Chair
Dr. David Estrop

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

My name is Louis Agresta and I am the Transportation Director for the Clark County Springfield-TCC. The TCC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Clark County, Ohio. We utilize Federal, State, and Local dollars for transportation planning activities that help create a safe, effective transportation network for our community. In addition to serving as the MPO in Clark County, we also serve as the ODOT funded Regional Transportation Planning Organization planning partner for LUC. In this capacity we provide transportation planning services for LUC. The Simon Kenton Trail asphalt paving project is an important project not just to Logan and Champaign County, but our entire region.

Members
Nancy Brown
Bill Cook
Daren Cotter
Rick Hanna
Bridget Houston
Howard Kitko
Lisa McDonough
Lowell McGlothlin
Matt Parrill
Dan Roncolato

The Simon Kenton Trail is a part of a much larger multi-use trail network throughout the Miami Valley Region. This network is the largest paved trail network in the United States with over 340 miles of paved trails that connect communities all across the Miami Valley. The Simon Kenton Trail is a part of a trail network that directly connects Bellefontaine to Cincinnati. The section from Bellefontaine to Urbana is not asphalt and limits ridership in the northern Miami Valley. Once funded, I believe that northern Miami Valley communities like Springfield, Urbana, West Liberty, and Bellefontaine will experience increases in bicycle tourism.

Transportation Director
Louis Agresta

In addition to providing tourism and economic benefits to our communities, I also believe that this project will provide a better transportation facility for those that utilize it. Safe, efficient transportation for all users is a core goal in our transportation planning work. This includes those that walk and bicycle as their primary method of transportation. Although the automobile will always be the dominant transportation option in the United States, we are beginning to see more of an emphasis put on bicycling and walking as a method of transportation. This project provides an extremely important connection in enhancing our regional bicycle and pedestrian transportation network.

It is my sincere hope that this project will be funded at the statewide level for the reasons mentioned above. Our regional trail network is a statewide asset. Thank you in advance for your consideration of funding this important transportation project in our community.

Sincerely,

Louis Agresta
Transportation Director
Clark County- Springfield TCC
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COMMUNITY HEALTH
& WELLNESS PARTNERS

Care... To Live Life Fully

February 13, 2024

RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am writing a Letter of Support on behalf of Community Health & Wellness Partners (CHWP), a Federally Qualified Health Center with eight sites located in Champaign and Logan Counties of Ohio. CHWP provides a whole-person, whole community approach to their patients by offering primary care with integrated behavioral health and ancillary services. CHWP supports events at the bike path as it promotes exercise and a healthy lifestyle. The bike path route runs directly in front of our Urbana Community Health Center location. It is with great pride that I share the bike path is utilized regularly by all ages of the communities and throughout the year.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). **The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.**

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The upgraded hot-mix asphalt will be safer for all, and even utilized by those of ambulatory challenges. I hope you will support this project because the path is easily accessible throughout Logan and Champaign Counties and promotes mental and physical health for everyone.

Sincerely,

Tara D. Bair, President/CEO

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Benjamin Logan

Indian Lake

Riverside

Resolution # 2024-3

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.

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:

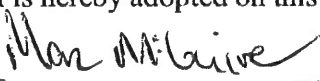
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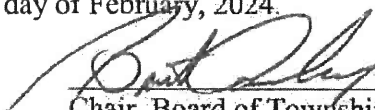
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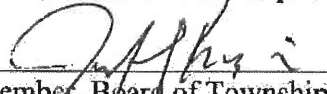
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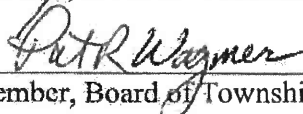
This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 12th day of February, 2024.

Attest:


Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

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Resolution #

24-01

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.

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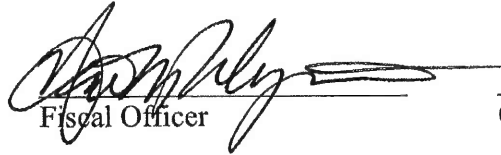
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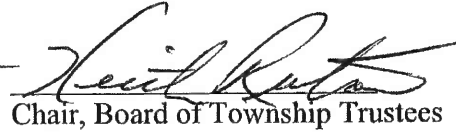
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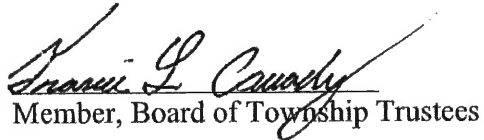
This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 4 day of Feb, 2024.

Attest:


Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

Resolution

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 18 day of January, 2024.

Attest:

Pat Bruner
Fiscal Officer

[Signature]
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

[Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees

[Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Resolution # 01-2024

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 16th day of January, 2024.

Attest: Judith Hutzler
Fiscal Officer

Daniel B. Pollock
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

[Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees

[Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees



American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
24025 Honda Pkwy
Marysville, OH 43040

February 20, 2024

RE: Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign and Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House and Senate:

Please allow me to express Honda's strong support of the Logan County Commissioners' efforts to secure capital budget support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector bike trail.

Investing in our associates and our communities is a key component of Honda's philosophy. That is why, over the years, Honda has donated \$160,000 to Pathfinders, the nonprofit organization that maintains the trail. This trail provides our associates, local residents, and visitors to the community the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful landscape of Ohio.

Supporting our communities, improving mobility, and nurturing the environment are all core pillars of Honda's philosophy, and are priorities for our Corporate Social Responsibility activities. We are encouraged by how the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector bike trail has flourished over the years, helping people enjoy the landscape from Ohio's highest point at Campbell Hill to its lowest point at the Ohio River near Cincinnati.

This is why we are so supportive of the Logan County Commissioners' work to maintain the trail. The requested capital budget funding for the trail will upgrade its pavement, resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, add bike path railing, and make the trail accessible to more riders.

Such an improvement to a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community will further elevate Ohio and our region as a great place to work and live.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding Honda's support for this project or Honda's presence in Ohio. And thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Jeff W. Reed
Government & Industry Relations Director, Midwest Region
American Honda Motor Co.

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Resolution #

20240502

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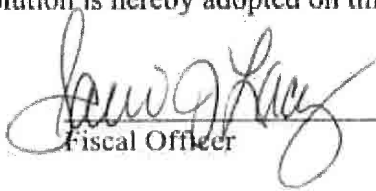
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Jacklyn _____ **TOWNSHIP, *Champaign* COUNTY, OHIO:**

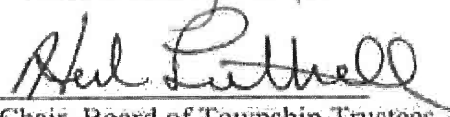
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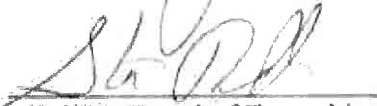
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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 5 day of February 2024.

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

Resolution # 24-2-4

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, LOGAN 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 UrbanaBellefontaine 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,

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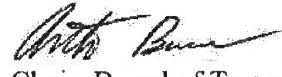
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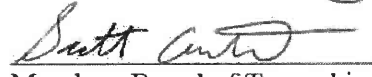
This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 12 day of Feb, 2021.

Attest:


Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

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Resolution # 20240505

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.

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Johnson TOWNSHIP, Champaign COUNTY, OHIO:

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

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 5th day of February, 2024.

Attest:

Nicolette Sarver
Fiscal Officer

Jana Hahn
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

James McCallister
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees

Resolution # 24-08

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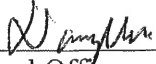
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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 9th day of January, 2024.

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees



LeVan's Excavating, Inc.
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February 14, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community
Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

We own and operate LeVan's Excavating, Inc. (LEI), located in Logan County, Ohio. We have proudly served Logan and its surrounding counties for 29 years, and we strive to improve the area with every project we complete, including the **Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector**.

Existing Trail.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network so residents can 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). **The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.**

Strategic Investment.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. **This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum).** This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

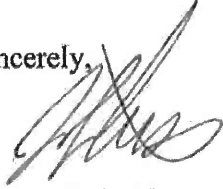
Closing Comments.

In 2014-2015, our company completed the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Project, which included tree/debris removal, grading, and compaction of gravel. Given our experience with similar projects, we believe that the current bike trail will need ongoing maintenance such as asphalt pavement in order to preserve the life of the trail. The proposal of asphalt upgrade will extend the life of the trail and make it more desirable to visit than in its current state.


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I hope you will support this project because it would not only maintain the efforts we have put towards the trail in 2014-2015, but it would make the trail a more enjoyable experience for its many visitors.

Sincerely,



Jeremy R. LeVan
President
LeVan's Excavating, Inc.



Erin K. LeVan
Vice President
LeVan's Excavating, Inc.

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Resolution

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Liberty TOWNSHIP, Logan COUNTY, OHIO:

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 22 day of January, 2024.

Attest:

Cheryl Platt
Fiscal Officer

Joel Vitt
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

[Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Wayne [Signature]
Member, Board of Township Trustees



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Resolution No. 28-24

The Logan County Board of Commissioners met in regular open session on this date of January 30, 2024 with Commissioner Joe Antram and Commissioner Michael E. Yoder present.

Mr. Michael E. Yoder moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RE: 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.

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Mr. Joe Antram seconded the motion.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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Michael E. Yoder yes
Mr. Michael E. Yoder, President

Mr. Mark Robinson, Vice President

Joe Antram yes
Mr. Joe Antram, Member

I, De De Doss, Clerk/Administrator, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the proceedings as taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Logan County Commissioners on this date of January 30, 2024

De De Doss
De De Doss, Administrative Clerk



February 29, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SIMON KENTON PATHFINDERS TRAIL – RESOLUTION 2024-02

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan presented Resolution 2024-02 for the Simon Kenton Pathfinders trail which is showing support for maintenance and improving the trail. The resolution is not committing the Logan County Health District to any monetary obligation.

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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 BOARD OF HEALTH OF LOGAN 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.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to accept resolution 2024-02 in support of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders trail.

Roll being called upon its adoption, the vote is as follows: Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mrs. Smith-aye, and Mrs. Oldiges-aye. Motion carried.

I, Christina C. Bramlage, Director of Business Operations, hereby certify this to be a true accounting of the proceedings as taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Logan County District Board of Health on February 14, 2024.

Christina C. Bramlage

Christina C. Bramlage, Director of Business Operations

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February 23, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan
Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

On behalf of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce I offer our resounding support for capital budget or OTSCIF funding to be provided to finish paving the Urbana-Bellefontaine Bike Path. The Chamber is responsible for carrying out the economic development work for our community and a key part of our strategic plan is around population growth. As a rural community, we rely on our unique assets such as the Simon Kenton Bike Path to provide a high quality of life that helps retain and attract more people to Logan County. We need more residents to support our growing industrial base.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum). This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

I hope you will support this project as our research has shown bike trails and walkable communities are high priority assets for a community to attract population and in turn attract more job creating companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Vollrath", written over a horizontal line.

Ben Vollrath
President, Logan County Chamber of Commerce

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February 23, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan
Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am the Chairman for both the Logan County Community Improvement Corporation and the Bellefontaine-Logan County Finance and Development Authority. These organizations provides work hand-in-hand with the Logan County Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development services to our community. Part of our mission in economic development is to help make our area as attractive as possible for future commercial investment. Increasingly this means creating a high quality of place in which companies are excited to have their employees live.

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Sincerely,

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Rick Gildow
Chairman, Logan County Community Improvement Corporation
Chairman, Bellefontaine-Logan County Finance and Development Authority

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February 15, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am the director of the Logan County Friendly Senior Center located in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Our organization provides our Logan County Seniors a place to gather for an array of services geared to enhance the lives of seniors who are 50 and older. **Part of our mission is to provide opportunities for our seniors to stay active and continue to enjoy life at any age.**

Existing Trail.

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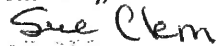
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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because it will be a wonderful addition to choices for our Logan County Seniors to remain active no matter what age.

Sincerely,



Sue Clem

Director

Logan County Friendly Senior Center

934 S Main St

Bellefontaine, OH 43311

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February 5, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for ODOT/RTC Services as a Logan County Mobility Manager. My position helps county residents to access different modes of transportation to fit their individual needs. My focus is on older adults and people with disabilities. **Part of my mission is to promote active mobility in our community.**

Existing Trail.

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because active mobility is crucial to helping residents of Logan County achieve and maintain higher levels of physical and mental well-being.

Sincerely,



Tam Blakely
Logan County Mobility Manager
RTC Services

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Resolution # Feb 1, 2024

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,

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAD RIVER TOWNSHIP, 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.


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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 1 day of Feb, 2024.

Attest:


Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

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**Mary Rutan
FOUNDATION**

February 6, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am Mary Rutan Foundation's chief operating officer. Mary Rutan Foundation is the fundraising entity for Mary Rutan Health, the sole community hospital in Logan County, Ohio. Health and wellness services and initiatives to improve health outcomes for the residents of Logan County is the focus for our organization.

We believe in the value and importance of the Simon Kenton Bike Trail in Logan County and what it offers for the residents of Logan and Champaign County. Since 2012, Mary Rutan Foundation has provided financial support totaling nearly \$70,000.00 for the creation, expansion and maintenance of the trail. In addition, we have provided bike helmets and safety education in both Logan and Champaign County at trail events and provided funding for a water station at the West Liberty Ricketts Park along the trail.

Existing Trail.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). **The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.**

Strategic Investment.

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I hope you will support this project and valuable community resource. This investment is not only an investment in the trail but an investment for improved health; allowing participation of those with compromised health or balance issues to walk or ride who otherwise could not, due to connection issues and loose gravel. **Please join the Mary Rutan Foundation in support of this worthy project!**

Sincerely,


Tammy Allison
Chief Operating Officer

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February 20, 2024

RE: Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

As a regional health system with over 1,100 employees in the area, not to mention a patient base of tens of thousands, our organization has a keen focus on projects that serve to provide our population with healthy activities and options. In fact, our Memorial mission is “To promote wellness and improve the health of people in our community.” Therefore, when Memorial is asked to support projects like the bike trail, we gladly stand together with the project champions. Our points of support include:

- **Upgrading our existing trail:** Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.
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We hope you will support this project and assist our community in delivering this upgrade to our existing multi-use trail that delivers healthy walking, running, and biking options to families in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Ziegler".

Melanie Ziegler
Vice President of Community Engagement
Memorial Health

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📍 500 London Ave., Marysville, OH 43040



February 5, 2024

RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am a leader for Bon Secours Mercy Health (BSMH) and the President of Mercy Health Urbana Hospital. Our organization provides health care services including emergency care, surgeries, inpatient services and a multitude of outpatient tests and procedures for residents of Champaign County and beyond. Our mission is to provide the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

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I hope you will support this project as an important step in the health and safety of our residents. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Houseman".

Jamie Houseman
President
Mercy Health Urbana Hospital

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Resolution # SKP1

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.

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Miami TOWNSHIP, Logan COUNTY, OHIO:

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

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 19th day of February, 2024.

Attest: Kaitlyn M. Bailey Cl. Stevenson
Fiscal Officer Chair, Board of Township Trustees

Mari W. McCally
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Ronald E. Pope
Member, Board of Township Trustees



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February 8, 2024

Mr. Brad Bodenmiller, Director
LUC Regional Planning Commission
10820 State Route 347
East Liberty, Ohio 43319

RE: Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Brad:

On behalf of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), I am writing to express support for the request for funding to enhance the Simon Kenton Trail in Champaign and Logan Counties.

Though outside the MVRPC transportation planning area, our Board of Directors have long supported the development and maintenance of the Miami Valley Trails as important non-motorized transportation facilities, regional economic, quality of life assets, and outlets for recreation and health. The Simon Kenton Trail is a valued piece of the nation's largest paved trail network, connecting the communities of Bellefontaine, West Liberty and Urbana to (among others) Springfield, Cincinnati, Dayton and Middletown.

I know your communities have worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the trail network. The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (2017). We look forward to seeing this upgraded, finally, to asphalt, on par with the other facilities in the Miami Valley Trails network. When any section gets enhanced, the whole network becomes that much more valuable to the region.

This request would also resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing, improving safety and reliability. This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is also on the State Bicycle Route System.

Best of luck in this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian O. Martin'.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

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February 29, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for the Middlefield Banking Company. Our organization provides banking, lending and financial services. **Part of our mission is to provide continued support to the communities in which we live and work.**

Existing Trail.

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If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. **This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum).** This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because the project will promote physical activity and healthy living, while also stimulating economic development through increased tourism, local business opportunities, and property value appreciation.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Zimmerly

President/CEO
The Middlefield Banking Company

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Resolution # 25-05

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.

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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,

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Monroe TOWNSHIP, Logan 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.

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 29th day of January, 2024

Attest:

Jenny L Stanford
Fiscal Officer

D. J. Buckley
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

Rob Burns
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees

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February 23, 2024

RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan
Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. Our organization provides career technical education to high school students. Our mission is to provide the next generation of workforce by preparing students with an excellent career-ready education. Campbell Hill is located on our main campus in Bellefontaine.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum). This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

I hope you will support this project because it would create service opportunities for the students at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rick Smith
Superintendent

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Resolution # 2024-0213-1

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.

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Bellevue TOWNSHIP, Logan COUNTY, OHIO:

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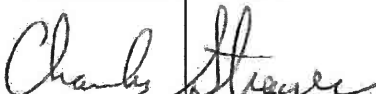
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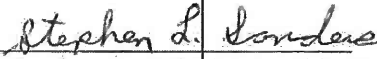
SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 13th day of Feb, 2024.

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees



Midwest Regional Office
506 S. High St., Suite 8
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614.837.6782

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Feb. 16, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. We are the nations largest trails organization and have had an office in Ohio for more than 25 years. I personally have been in this office working with Ohio communities for more than 16 years. At Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, we are building a nation connected by trails. We reimagine public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors.

Existing Trail.

The communities within Logan & Champaign County's have worked tirelessly to connect the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope, and fully support to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

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Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project. It is important to make this critical regional, and state connector accessible and safe for the maximum range of users which should be the goal of all these investments. As we continue to see a disturbing rise in pedestrian and cycling injuries and deaths across Ohio we need to be prioritizing the investment in safe active transportation and recreation facilities for vulnerable road users. My organizations mission to create such facilities is realized through the support of leaders like you who see the huge return on such a modest investment.

I applaud the leaders in the Logan and Champaign County area and you for making this critical investment.

Sincerely,

Eric Oberg
Midwest Regional Director
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

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Resolution # 2-2024

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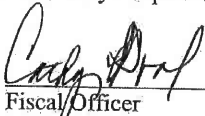
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Rickland TOWNSHIP, *Logan* COUNTY, OHIO:

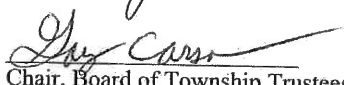
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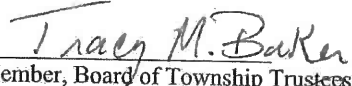
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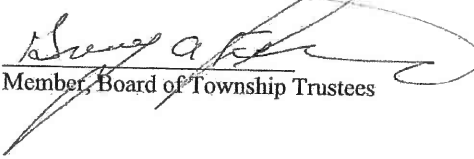
SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 9 day of February, 2024.

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

Resolution # 2024-01-23-1

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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.

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SALEM TOWNSHIP, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:

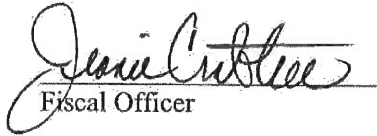
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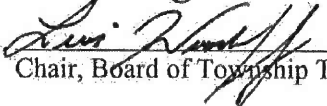
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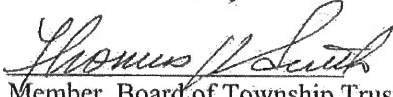
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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Attest: 
Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees

Simon Kenton



Pathfinders

February 20, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am a charter member of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders (SKP) which created the Simon Kenton Trail (SKT), starting in 1997. Our organization is a 501c3 non profit which built and maintains the 28 mile SKT in Champaign and Logan counties. Part of our mission is to provide a safe and enjoyable multi-use trail connection for our communities in those two counties as well develop amenities such as signage, rest stops, repair stations, etc. along the trail. We are, we believe, the only trail in Ohio which is fully funded and managed by a non-profit. This, of course makes securing funding for a project such as this challenging!

Existing Trail:

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network in the Greater Miami Valley and now we're hoping that this project, if monies are approved, will allow connections North into Hardin, Allen and Marion counties. Also, residents can 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). The proposed project when completed, will also allow creation of a new trail challenge such as is the popular Ohio to Erie Trail; the High/Low Trail (or something like that) which would better connect the SKT to the Little Miami Trail in Springfield and then to the Ohio River, as mentioned above. Our area would become another destination point for cyclists and bring much needed tourist dollars, community investment along the trail and more! The Urbana-Bellefontaine section was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

Strategic Investment:

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to complete the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum). This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

Closing Comments:

I ask you to support this project because of the great need in rural areas for safe recreational trails which greatly enhance lifestyles, provide positive economic impact and contribute to the physical and mental health of our communities!

Sincerely,

James Cook

Past-President

The Simon Kenton Pathfinders



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P.O. Box 91, Urbana, Ohio 43078-0091

Resolution # 2024-004

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.

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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,

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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,

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
Union TOWNSHIP, Logan 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,


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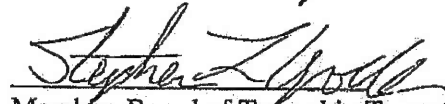
This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 16 day of January, 2024.

Attest:


Fiscal Officer


Chair, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees


Member, Board of Township Trustees



Urbana Champaign County Senior Center

150 Patrick Ave. • Urbana, Ohio 43078-0664 • (937) 653-6088

February 14, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I am the Executive Director of the Urbana Champaign County Senior Center located in Urbana, Ohio. Our organization provides our Champaign County seniors a place to gather for an array of services geared to enhance the lives of seniors who are 55 and older. **Part of our mission is to provide opportunities for our seniors to stay active and continue to enjoy life at any age.**

Existing Trail.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). **The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.**

Strategic Investment.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. **This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum).** This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

Closing Comments.

I hope you will support this project because it will be a wonderful addition to choices for our Champaign County seniors to remain active no matter the age.

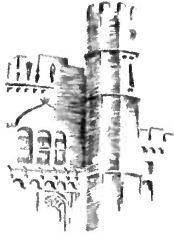
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Barnhart", is written over a light grey circular background.

Stacy Barnhart
Executive Director
Urbana Champaign County Senior Center

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Treasurer

February 16, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for the Urbana City School District serving in the role of Superintendent. As you most likely know, our organization provides our community with educational services for school-age children and those with handicaps from ages three through the age of twenty-two. Part of our mission is to provide our students with experiences that benefit their physical and emotional health along with the academic programming to allow them to be productive citizens in our community.

Members of our community have worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents may have the opportunity 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). As part of these efforts, the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

Funding this project would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and, where warranted by the technical memorandum, add bike path railing. This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

Please consider supporting this project as it will provide our youth with greater opportunities to experience the physical and mental health benefits of participating in an outdoor activity. Our high school summer physical education program frequently uses the current bike trail as part of their activities. Improvements to the trail would provide a safety benefit to our students involved in this program.

Sincerely,

Charles Thiel, Superintendent

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Board of Education: – Taylor Armstrong – Jim Arter – Amy Paul – Darrell Thomas – Tyler Wolf

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Resolution 2024-003-W

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.

The Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 5th day of February, 2024 at the office of the Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio at 2564 State Route 54, Urbana, Ohio 43078 with the following members present: Blair Stinson, Roger Koerner, and Matt Harrigan.

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,

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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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
URBANA TOWNSHIP, 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,

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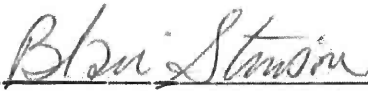
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Mr. Koerner moved, seconded by Mr. Stinson to adopt the Resolution. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes, Mr. Harrigan, yes.

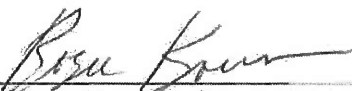
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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 5th day of February, 2024.

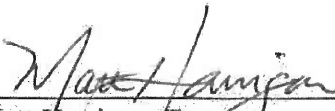
Attest:



Blair Stinson, Trustee



Roger Koerner, Trustee



Matt Harrigan, Trustee



Sandra G. Perry, Fiscal Officer

Resolution # 2024-08

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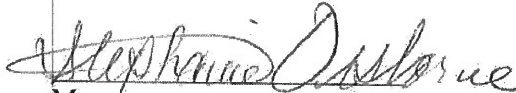
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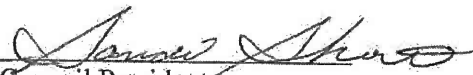
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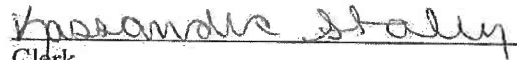
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Mayor


Council President

I, Kassandra Staley, Clerk of the Village of DeGraff, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2024- 08 Passed by Council of said Village on the 6 day of February, 2024.


Clerk

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.

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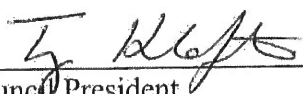
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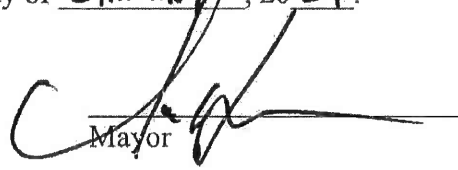
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Passed: 1/23/2024


Council President

Attest: 
Council Clerk

This Resolution approved by me this 23 day of JANUARY, 20 24.


Mayor

Resolution # 2024-02

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,

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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,

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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 Lakeview <INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME>, LOGAN
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,

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Passed:

5 passed

Parishall Kraeller
Council President

Attest:

Heather R Kegg
Council Clerk Fiscal
officer

This Resolution approved by me this 5 day of February, 2024.

Edward J. Moore
Mayor

This Resolution is hereby adopted on this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

Chair, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees

Roll call resulted as follows:

President, Board of Commissioners

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Resolution # 24-02

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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,

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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,

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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

Mechanicsburg _____ **<INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME>, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:**

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Passed: 2-5-24

Charles J. Huhner
Council President

Attest: [Signature]
Council Clerk

This Resolution approved by me this 5 day of Feb, 2024.

[Signature]
Mayor

Resolution # 2-13-2024(A)

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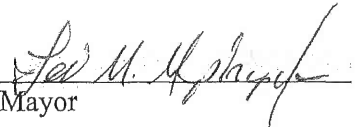
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Passed: 6-0 
Council President

Attest: 
Council Clerk

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


Mayor

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank Inc., Form No. 30045

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Resolution No. _____

Passed _____

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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 ST. PARIS, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:

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Passed and adopted by the Council of St. Paris this 19th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

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SUSAN PRINCE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMP

Resolution No. 2024-01

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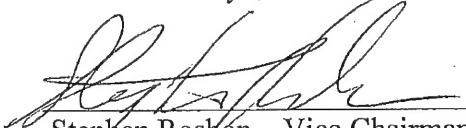
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Passed: February 8, 2024

Approved: February 8, 2024

ATTEST: 
D. William Boy - Clerk/Treasurer


Eric McCreary - Chairman


Stephen Roshon - Vice Chairman


Kevin Shafer - Commissioner

Resolution # 2024-R3

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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 VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, LOGAN 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,

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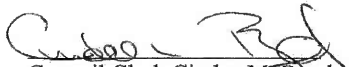
SECTION 3: That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

Passed:


11-22-2024


Council President
Jayne Griffith

Attest:


Council Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

This Resolution approved by me this 22 day of January, 2024.


Mayor
Bradley A. Hudson

Resolution # 24-2-1

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,

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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
ZANESFIELD <INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME>, **LOGAN**
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,

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

Passed: 02-12-2024

Blenna M. Lewis
Council President - absent
Council Member

Attest:

Heath Clapwell
Council Clerk

This Resolution approved by me this 12 day of Feb, 2024.

J. M. [Signature]
Mayor

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

In the matter of the Township of Washington, Logan County

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.

Trustee Faulder moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Logan County, Ohio met in regular session on the 12th day of February, 2024 at the Township Hall in Lewistown, Ohio.

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,

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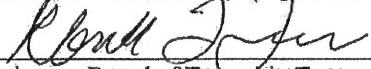
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO:

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,

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

This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 12th day of February, 2024



Chairman, Board of Township Trustees



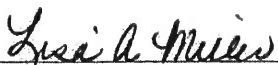
Vice Chairman, Board of Township Trustees

Member, Board of Township Trustees

Motion by Trustee Faulder seconded by Trustee Berg that the resolution be adopted and was carried by the following votes: YEAS 3 NAYS: 0

Resolution adopted this 12th day of February, 2024.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified fiscal officer of Washington Township, located in Logan County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the local governing body of said Washington Township Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of February, 2024.

Attest: 

Fiscal Officer of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

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Resolution # 2024-02-05-A

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Wayne TOWNSHIP, Champaign COUNTY, OHIO:

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

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This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 5 day of February, 2024

Attest:

Swamie Harbison
Fiscal Officer

Glenn Gregg
Chair, Board of Township Trustees

Doug Katz
Member, Board of Township Trustees

Max Perry
Member, Board of Township Trustees

WEST CENTRAL OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

Springview Government Center
3130 East Main Street, Suite 2B
Springfield, Ohio 45505
Phone: 937-521-2134

February 14, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

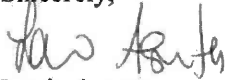
Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

My name is Louis Agresta and I am the Secretary Treasurer for the West Central Ohio Port Authority (WESTCO). WESTCO was founded in 1991 to preserve rail assets in Clark, Fayette, and Champaign counties that otherwise would have fallen into disrepair after private industry abandoned the line. Today, our shortline railroad is thriving with several customers and over 7,000 annual carloads. We serve a variety of industries including plastics, agriculture, scrap metal, automotive, and timber just to name a few.

The Simon Kenton multi-use trail was built on WESTCO owned property. Our Board of Directors approved a long-term lease in the early 2000s for the trails construction. Although our primary focus is to provide freight services to our region, we also value in community projects such as the Simon Kenton Trail. The section of the Simon Kenton Trail in question is the only section that is not asphalt in our region. I would like to see funds awarded to this project so that an already great community asset could be made even better.

The story of WESTCO is something that I am proud to be a part of. Our railroad was on close to being abandoned. Because of the thoughtfulness of community leaders decades ago, a very important transportation corridor was preserved for our community. This corridor not only moves trains, but it also moves people via bicycling and walking. Providing an asphalt surface along the Simon Kenton Trail will increase the viability of walking in biking in this important transportation corridor. It is my sincere hope that this project will be funded at the statewide level for the reasons mentioned above. Thank you in advance for your consideration of funding this important transportation project in our community.

Sincerely,



Louis Agresta
Secretary Treasurer
West Central Ohio Port Authority
937-521-2134
lagresta@clarkcountyohio.gov

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WEST LIBERTY-SALEM
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

I work for the West Liberty-Salem Local School District. Our school district provides educational services for 1,200 students in PreK - Grade 12. Part of our mission is to provide students access to resources that aide in the health, growth, and development. As a rural district access to resources, including safe places to exercise, can be a challenge for our community. The Simon Kenton Trail Bike Path provides our rural community with access to safe exercise and travel. I also allows us to connect to the much larger network of bike paths throughout Ohio.

Our community has worked tirelessly to connect Logan and Champaign counties to the bike trail network, so residents can 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). The Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector was constructed as aggregate (2015) and later upgraded to chip-seal (ca. 2017). We hope to see this upgraded, finally, to a hot-mix asphalt.

If you fund this project, it would be the finishing touch to our trail, enabling our community to upgrade the trail section between Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana. This request would upgrade the pavement from chip-seal to a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, improve connections, and add bike path railing (where warranted by the technical memorandum). This would make the trail accessible to more riders and make it a smoother ride, improving a trail that is both on the State Bike Route System and in our community.

I hope you will support this project because it will provide a great resource and improvement to our bike trail that is already being used by the community. It will also increase the accessibility to the trail for the elderly and less mobile individuals that would like to access the trail. Last it is a great investment to our families and students at West Liberty-Salem.

Sincerely,

Kraig E. Hissong
Superintendent
West Liberty-Salem Local School District.

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"West Liberty-Salem is an educational partnership dedicated to helping students reach their full potential."

Board Members
Pat Adams * Ryan Cole * Tim Lamb * Amy Pratt * Doug Williams



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

February 5, 2024

**RE: Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)
Letter of Support for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector
Located in Champaign & Logan Counties**

Dear Honorable Members of the Ohio House & Senate:

The Champaign Family YMCA strives to put Christian Principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Part of our mission is to be a community connector and partner with like-minded organizations who are also dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

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I hope you will support this project because it's in the best interests, economically and for overall wellness, for those living and working in Logan & Champaign Counties to have access to trails that provide for people-powered transport between the two counties. The economic benefits of established trails for local commerce are well established. Thanks for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Waldsmith, CEO
Champaign Family YMCA

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