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Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

Subject: Letter of Support for Redesignation of USBR-10, Iron Belle Trail in Delta County

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express [organization]'s support for redesignation of the route of US Bicycle Route 10 and the Iron Belle Trail in Delta County. The current designation of USBR-10 and the Iron Belle Trail on US-2 from its intersection with Bay Shore Drive west to its intersection with P Road is largely unsuitable for bicycling for safety reasons. By officially rerouting the trail down Bay Shore Drive, a lower volume, lower speed rural roadway, and through bicycle and shared-use infrastructure in and managed by the City of Gladstone (North Lake Shore Drive, 9<sup>th</sup> Street Lake Shore Drive, and the Little Bay de Noc Trail), the residents and visitors of Delta County will have greater access to active transportation mobility and our communities will benefit from routing people in proximity to additional recreational, social, and economic opportunities.

This project also directly addresses the objectives of the *2022-2030 Superior Region Active Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy* and the *Michigan Mobility 2045 Plan* by enhancing quality of life, supporting economy and stewardship, developing collaborative partnerships, and filling critical gaps in the active transportation network. The project also continues the DNR's work with local communities to enhance user experience along Iron Belle Trail routes as identified in the *2022-2032 MDNR Trails Plan*. The official reroute will also lend support for additional future investments in active transportation and recreation infrastructure in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me at City of Gladstone 906-428-2311 Prompt 2 Ext. 7 or [ebuckman@gladstonemi.gov](mailto:ebuckman@gladstonemi.gov) should you have need of any additional information.

Sincerely,  
Eric Buckman  
Gladstone City Manager



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