

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 251 THROUGH THE CITY BETWEEN SPRINGFIELD AND NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF THE ROUTE AS AN OFFICIAL U.S. BIKE ROUTE RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bicycle Route System (“USBR”) is a bicycle-based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (“AASHTO”) that aims to create publicly accessible bicycle travel routes across the country; and

WHEREAS, a route, identified as U.S. Bicycle Route 251 (“USBR 251”), that runs through the City from Springfield to Northwest Arkansas, has been proposed to become part of the USBR 51 system that will one day stretch from New Orleans, Louisiana all the way to Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a Missouri USBR 51 Committee, consisting of representatives of communities, counties, and Regional Planning Commissions along the USBR 251 route, as well as representatives from the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Adventure Cycling Association, and the Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation, have been working to develop the USBR 51 route in Missouri with the intent to submit it to AASHTO for formal designation as an official national bicycle route; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USBR 251 would provide cyclists access to points of interest within the City, including lodging, dining, and retail, all of which are necessary to support extended day-long journeys via bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and extends its support for the destination of the proposed USBR 251, as it will provide a direct connection between Greene County and Northwest Arkansas through the City, ultimately encouraging patronage of the businesses located within the City and providing recreational and travel opportunities to residents and guests alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1:** The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has the full support and endorsement from the City of Republic for the designation of the proposed United States Bicycle Route 251 (USBR 251), an alternate route for USBR 51, and therefore requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for official designation as a U.S. Bicycle Route as soon as possible.
- Section 2:** The whereas clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 3:** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

Section 4: This Resolution supersedes all previous resolutions pertaining to the authorized signers on/for any municipal court account held by the City at Arvest Bank.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Matt Russell, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: