

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 09-2017

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MIAMI 2 MIAMI CONNECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is committed to supporting efforts of Tri-State Trails, City of Hamilton, City of Fairfield, City of Mason, West Chester Township, Liberty Township, and Deerfield Township, hereby referred to collectively as the "M2M Coalition," to collaborate, plan for, construct, and maintain a network of bicycle and pedestrian connections between the Great Miami River Trail and Little Miami Scenic Trail, hereby referred to as "Miami 2 Miami Connection; and

WHEREAS, active transportation infrastructure, such as multi-use paths, on-road bicycle facilities, and sidewalks, have been shown to promote economic development, increase property values, increase options for citizen mobility, improve traffic safety, reduce air pollution, improve public health, and improve community well-being and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional regional trails create freely accessible recreational opportunities for local and regional tourism that benefits communities and nearby businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Little Miami Scenic Trail is the longest connected trail in the Tri-State Trails region, spanning over seventy-five miles from Cincinnati, Ohio to Xenia, Ohio, and is the southern segment of the 320-mile Ohio to Erie Trail, connecting Cincinnati, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Great Miami River Trail is the second-longest trail in the Tri-State Trails region, with plans to span over ninety-five miles to connect Fairfield, Ohio to Piqua, Ohio, of which, eighty-three miles are existing and twelve miles are currently being planned; and

WHEREAS, the M2M Coalition has recognized the original Miami 2 Miami Feasibility Study produced by OKI Regional Council of Governments in 2002 and incorporated the Miami 2 Miami Connection into their respective community plans; and

WHEREAS, of the originally proposed 123-mile Miami 2 Miami Connection, approximately thirty-six miles of the network have been constructed by M2M Coalition members, fifty-five miles are proposed, and thirty-three miles are identified as further study; and

WHEREAS, due to significant population growth and development patterns in Butler and Warren Counties since 2002, the M2M Coalition recognizes the need to update the original Miami 2 Miami Feasibility Study to identify which of the remaining proposed and/or further study routes should be prioritized to create a cohesive Miami 2 Miami Connection, hereby referred to as the "Miami 2 Miami Connection Action Plan"; and

WHEREAS, Green Umbrella's Tri-State Trails initiative plays an integral role in convening the M2M Coalition and stakeholders to facilitate, plan, and execute an interconnected network of active transportation infrastructure in Butler and Warren Counties and its broader ten-county tri-state service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of Monroe is committed to collaborating with the M2M Coalition and participating in the development of the Miami 2 Miami Connection Action Plan.

SECTION 2: Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$5,000 to go towards this plan.

SECTION 3: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council desires to proceed at the earliest date to avoid any delays in this project. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: February 14, 2017

ATTEST:

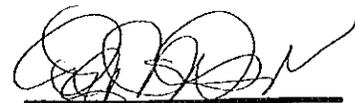
APPROVED:


Clerk of Council


Mayor

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Ohio Public Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

"I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.


Clerk of Council
City of Monroe, Ohio