

A Resolution In Support of Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing Points for I-69 Tier 2 Section 4

WHEREAS the purpose of the Bloomington Bicycle Club, a 501(C)(4) nonprofit corporation, is to promote and encourage bicycling; and

WHEREAS our purpose is to advise, support, and assist community groups in furthering the use of bicycles for recreation, competition, travel, and transportation; and

WHEREAS our purpose is to assert, safeguard, and advocate the rights of all bicyclists and to seek better public understanding and respect for existing rights and greater cooperation with the public authorities in the observance of traffic regulations by all users; and

WHEREAS our purpose is to urge the construction on public lands of facilities for all types of bicycling; and

WHEREAS a transportation system that provides connectivity will enhance tourism, promote recreational opportunities, and stimulate economic activity that will benefit both the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS Governor Mitch Daniels actively promotes regular physical activity and healthy lifestyles through his INShape Indiana initiative; and

WHEREAS state and federal tax dollars will be spent over the coming years to improve, upgrade, and enhance various travel corridors in southwest Monroe County and residents in the area should directly benefit from these expenditures of public monies; and

WHEREAS the Tier 2 Study of Section 4 for the I-69 project from Evansville to Indianapolis proposes to close existing roads at Burch Road, Evans Lane, Harmony Road, and Bolin Lane in southwestern Monroe County as I-69 approaches State Route 37; and

WHEREAS the proposed road closures in the Tier 2 Study of Section 4 will have severe negative impacts on bicycling and its related activities in Monroe County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Indiana Department of Transportation, its contractors and/or agents shall accommodate the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians with infrastructure (overpasses or underpasses) suitable for crossing I-69 at Burch Road, Evans Lane, Harmony Road, and Bolin Lane, so that existing connectivity for those traveling by bicycle will not be hindered by the proposed I-69 corridor; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER that we support the overpasses/underpasses being planned in eastern Greene and southwestern Monroe County, including Carmichael Road, Carter Road, Breeden Road, Rockport Road, Lodge Road, and Tramway Road and urge that these overpasses/underpasses be engineered to safely accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Bicycle Club this 15 day of October, 2010.

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