RESOLUTION NO. 10-16

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SBR 71 BICYCLE ROUTE.

Whereas, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing $133 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

Whereas, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a south-north corridor crossing north central Ohio to be developed as State Bike Route 71 (SBR 71); and

Whereas, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designated a south-north corridor crossing north central Ohio to connect the State Bicycle Routes and communities as State Bike Route 71 (SBR 71); and

Whereas, the Ohio Department of Transportation is supportive of AASHTO designated bicycle routes through Ohio, subject to ongoing collaboration with affected jurisdictions to inventory, analyze, and designate specific facilities the routes will traverse; and

Whereas, the City of Ashland and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as SBR 71, a map of which is attached hereto and herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

Whereas, the City of Ashland has investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and

Whereas, the City of Ashland acknowledges the route may change over time as new facilities are being constructed that are more suitable for bicyclists.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ashland, State of Ohio, 4 members thereto concurring: That the City of Ashland hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of SBR 71, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated by AASHTO and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Once the route is approved, there may be efforts to publicize the route including but not limited to internet maps and/or incorporating the route on local maps. Tourism agencies may be involved in these efforts.

Passed: November 1st, 2016

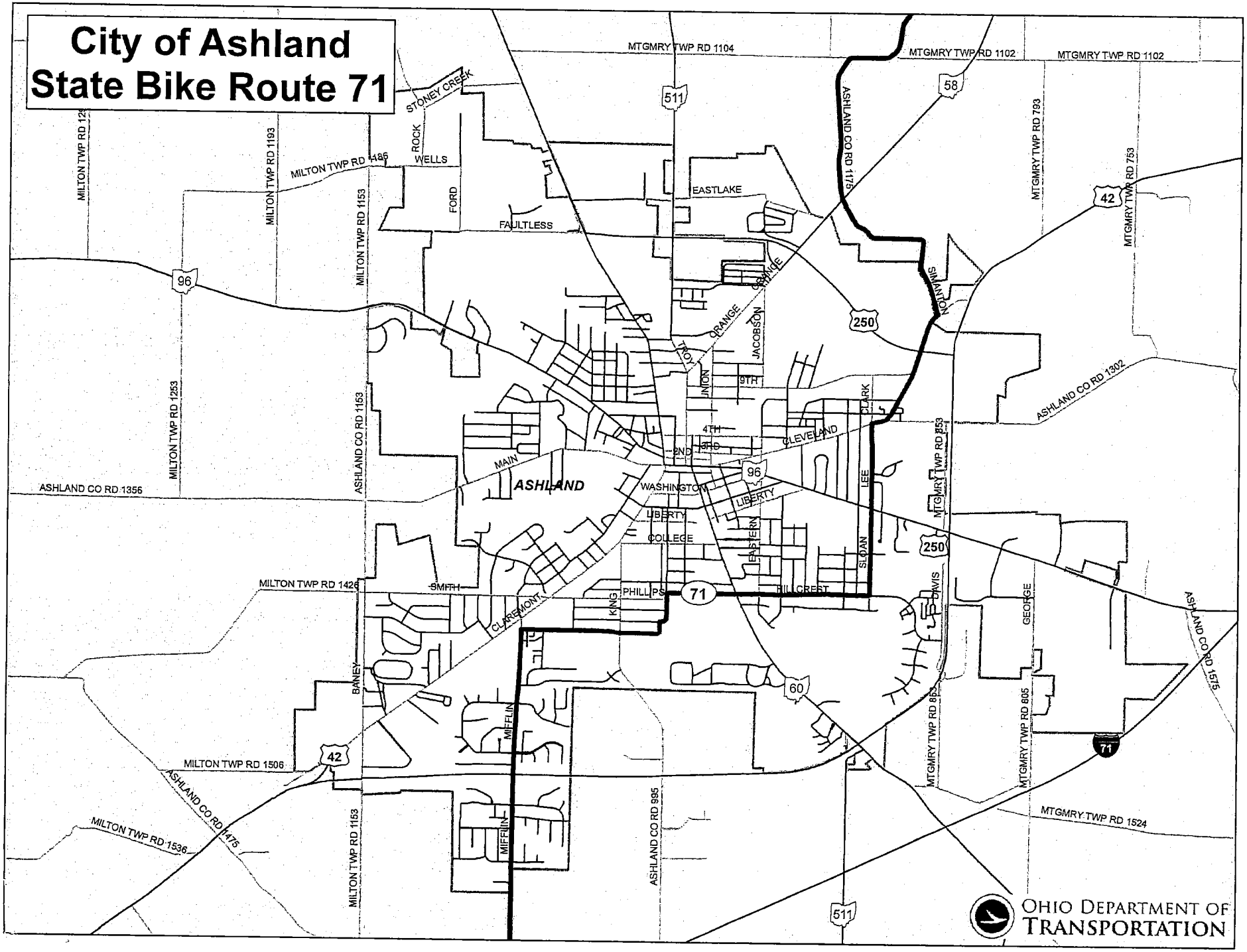
Ruth G. Detrow, President of Council

Attest: Jody M. Toms, Clerk
Jody M. Toms

Approved: Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:

Richard P. Wolfe II, Director of Law

Date: November 1st, 2016

City of Ashland State Bike Route 71