PASSED: 8-0

RESOLUTION 99-36

SUPPORTING MEASURES TO ASSURE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS STATE ROAD 45/46 NEAR THE INTERSECTION WITH 7TH STREET

WHEREAS, the widening of SR 45/46 is an important, long-awaited project that is essential for improving the circulation of traffic within, through, and around the Bloomington/Monroe County community; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately this proposed road widening project also threatens to interrupt one of the City's oldest and most used bicycle and pedestrian corridors by failing to provide safe and effective access across the highway; and

WHEREAS, this bicycle and pedestrian corridor will become increasingly important given the City's efforts to expand the bicycle and pedestrian path network on the east side as well as throughout the community and the development of more student housing on the east side of the SR 45/46, whose residents will be traveling to the Indiana University campus on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and enhancement of the City's bicycle and pedestrian corridors not only provides an amenity for the community, but also promises to alleviate traffic congestion and to reduce some of the future need for roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve this link in the corridor, the Common Council recently amended the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan to designate this bicycle and pedestrian corridor as an Urban Trail and make the area near the intersection of Seventh Street and SR 45/46 the principal access for bicycles and pedestrians crossing the highway between 10th Street and 3rd Street; and

WHEREAS, the City will be entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Indiana University and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) regarding the design of the SR 45/46 bypass; and

WHEREAS, this Interlocal Agreement presents an opportunity for the City to advocate for measures that will assure safe and effective access across State Road 45/46 near the intersection with Seventh Street; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to investigate alternatives to a surface-level crossing of SR 45/46 near the intersection with 7th Street in order to assure that the design of the roadway provides for a safe and effective means for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the highway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City shall seriously investigate the feasibility of constructing an underpass near the intersection of SR 45/46 and Seventh Street. This will entail taking the count of pedestrians and bicyclists who use the corridor and making reasonable projections regarding future use. This will also include preparing a preliminary design for an underpass in consultation with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission and a preliminary estimate of the cost of constructing and maintaining an underpass. Where special appropriations are necessary to conduct these studies, the Common Council states its intention to support that legislation.

SECTION 2. The City shall advocate for certain terms to be included in the Interlocal Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Indiana University regarding the design of the SR 45/46 Bypass. Those terms include:

A. Should the City choose to pursue the construction of an underpass, then installing an underpass for SR 45/46 near the intersection with 7th Street;

B. Providing bicycle and pedestrian paths on both sides of SR 45/46 between 3rd and 10th Streets, including the installation of a multi-use path on the east and a sidewalk on the west, with a grass plot separating these paths from the highway; and,

C. Installing a multi-use path on the eastward extension of Seventh Street that will be constructed by INDOT;

SECTION 3. The Common Council acknowledges the work the Planning Department has done in concert with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and urges continued cooperation in the future when updating the roadway and pathway design standards in the Master Thoroughfare Plan, when revisiting the subdivision standards to require bicycle and pedestrian access, and when incorporating the bicycle and pedestrian plan and pathway network into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of October, 1999.

Patricia Cole

TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 27th day of October, 1999.

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 27th day of October, 1999.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution supports measures to assure safe and effective bicycle and pedestrian access across SR 45/46 near the intersection with Seventh Street.

Please note that the Council voted 8 – 0 to adopt Amendment 1, which removed the former part (B) to the second therefore clause. The removed provision provided alternatives to an underpass.

Signed copies to:
Planning
Engineering
Bike + Ped Commission