Passed 8-0
(Sturbaum absent)

RESOLUTION 10-10

TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND HOW THE CITY CAN ACHIEVE A PLATINUM DESIGNATION FROM THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS' *BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM* BY 2016

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 06-05, the Common Council supported the Kyoto Protocol and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 06-07, the Common Council recognized the peak of world petroleum production; the Council translated this recognition into action via Resolution 07-16 establishing a Bloomington Peak Oil Task Force and by way of Resolution 09-18 approving the Task Force's advisory report; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 08-02, the Common Council adopted the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and Greenways System Plan*, which contains plans to improve, enhance, and expand transportation by foot and by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and Greenways System Plan*, the Council approved an annual budget for the City of Bloomington that includes funding to implement public improvements identified within the *Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington continues to secure federal funding to assist with construction of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has attained the bronze designation through the League of American Bicyclists' *Bicycle Friendly Program* since 2003; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is an enjoyable, safe, healthy, inexpensive, environmentally-friendly, and readily-available mode of transportation;

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

SECTION I. The Common Council hereby proclaims the week of May 17-21, 2010 "Bikes Week" in the City of Bloomington and encourages all residents to utilize their bicycles for commuting, sport, and fun during that week and beyond.

SECTION II. The Common Council hereby creates the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force to assess Bloomington's strengths and weaknesses in regard to bicycling, and to plan how the City can achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities Program by 2016.

(A) Members. The Task Force shall be comprised of seven members.

(B) Appointments. Three members shall be appointed by the Mayor and three members shall be appointed by the Common Council, one of whom shall be a member of the Common Council. One member shall be appointed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission.

(C) Qualifications. Task Force members shall be residents of Monroe County and shall have an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation. Preference for appointments may be given to citizens with expertise in bicycle transportation, employers who encourage bicycling, health advocates who seek to improve the community's wellness, and citizens with expertise in environmental and sustainable practices.

(D) Staff Support. Transportation Planning Staff shall provide the necessary staff support to organize and run the Task Force such that its charge is fulfilled. The City Engineer shall provide technical assistance when necessary.

SECTION III. The Task Force's charge shall be:

(A) To acquire information about and study the current state of bicycling in Bloomington, including, but not limited to:
1) Current facilities for bicycling and bicycle parking;
2) Available education on bicycling rules and safe practices;
3) Enforcement of traffic laws regarding bicycling;
4) Amenities which increase the safety and comfort of bicyclists;
5) Awareness of the beneficial impacts of bicycling on the environment, health, and the local economy; and

(B) To seek community feedback on vulnerabilities and possible solutions; and

(C) To research best practices in urban bicycling and what other communities in the U.S. and around the world are doing to encourage bicycling; and

(D) To coordinate efforts with various agencies already advocating bicycling in Bloomington; and

(E) To develop a plan the City could pursue to gain a platinum rating for Bloomington from the League of American Bicyclists by 2016.

SECTION IV. Sunset Provision. The Task Force shall submit its report, including the plan to attain the platinum rating, to the Mayor and Common Council no later than one year after the date of its first meeting. The Task Force shall cease to exist upon submission of the report.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 12th day of MAY, 2010.

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 13th day of MAY, 2010.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 13TH day of MAY, 2010.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

Signed Copies To:
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Public Works
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Clerk (2)

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmembers Piedmont-Smith, Rollo and Ruff and proposes two bicycle-friendly initiatives. First, it declares May 17-21, 2010 as "Bikes Week" and encourages residents to ride their bikes that week and beyond. Secondly, it creates a Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force. The role of the Task Force will be to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the City's bicycling efforts and to make recommendations to both the City and community on how to achieve a platinum designation from the League of American Bicyclists' *Bicycle Friendly Program* by 2016. The Task Force will be composed of seven members, appointed by the Mayor, Common Council and the Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. A member of the Council will also serve on the Task Force, and staff support will be provided by the Planning Department. Members will be drawn from both City and County residents who possess an understanding of the issues surrounding bicycle transportation and recreation. The Task Force shall submit its report and plan to achieve a platinum designation within one year after its first meeting. The Task Force will sunset after the submission of such report.

Note: This resolution was revised after it was distributed in the weekly Legislative Packet and before it was introduced at the Special Session. The revision added Councilmember Rollo as a co-sponsor of the legislation.