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RESOLUTION 11-15

TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BIKING TASK FORCE, "BREAKING AWAY: JOURNEY TO PLATINUM" AS AN ADVISORY DOCUMENT FOR ACHIEVING 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 the Bloomington Peak Oil Task Force and by way of Resolution 09-18 approved the Task Force's advisory report; and
- WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution 10-10, the Common Council commissioned the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force to develop a plan to create a more balanced transportation network with bicycle-friendly strategies and seek a platinum level designation from the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community Program; and
- WHEREAS, members of the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force were appointed in August 2010; and
- WHEREAS, since September 2010, the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force met twice a month to fulfill its charge; and
- WHEREAS, the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force held a Platinum Bike Summit on April 28, 2011 to engage the public about bicycling issues and identify community priorities; and
- WHEREAS, as required by Resolution 10-10, the Task Force has submitted a report to the Common Council and the Mayor on recommendations to gain a platinum rating for Bloomington by the League of American Bicyclists by 2016; and
- WHEREAS, the report is not only intended to provide a bicycle-friendly strategy in its advisory nature, but it also is intended to educate citizens on the many benefits of bicycling and encourage citizens of all abilities to consider bicycling as a viable mode of transportation; and
- WHEREAS, the following partners support improving the community's bicycle-friendly status: BloomingFoods; Bloomington Pedal Power; Bloomington Bicycle Club; Bicycle Garage Inc., Bikesmiths; Baxter Healthcare; WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology; Local First Indiana; Bloomington United Gymnastics School; Bloomington United Soccer School; Cutters Soccer Club; Center for Sustainable Living; deCycles; Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change from the Unitarian Universalist Church; Rhino's Youth Center; Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County; Earth Care of Bloomington; Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington; Downtown Bloomington Inc.; Bloomington Area Birth Services; Visit Bloomington; Bloomington Transportation Options for People; Monroe County Community School Corporation; The Project School; The Prep School Academy; Harmony School; Bloomington Community Bike Project; Indiana University Student Foundation; Indiana University Transportation Working Group; Indiana University Office of Sustainability; City of Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission; City of Bloomington Environmental Commission; City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability; City of Bloomington Commission on Aging; The District (Monroe County Solid Waste Management District); New Hope Family Shelter Inc. and Bloomington Housing Authority; and

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

WHEREAS, as outlined in Resolution 10-10, the Task Force shall cease to exist once its final Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force report is submitted to both the Mayor and the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the report, entitled "Breaking Away: Journey to Platinum," is attached hereto and incorporated herein as exhibit A;


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

SECTION I. The Report of the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force, "Breaking Away: Journey to Platinum," shall be approved as an advisory document and strategy for achieving a platinum designation from the American League of Bicyclists by 2016.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 30th day of NOVEMBER, 2011.


SUSAN SANDBERG, 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 1st day of DECEMBER, 2011.


REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 1st day of DECEMBER, 2011.


MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution approves the report of the Bloomington Platinum Biking Task Force as an advisory document and strategy for achieving a platinum designation from the American League of Bicyclists by 2016. The report identifies ways to achieve this designation by improving bicycle-friendly efforts in education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation and planning, and infrastructure engineering. The recommendations of the report are intended to significantly improve Bloomington's bicycle-friendly stature and result in a more balanced transportation network.