

Resolution Endorsing Active Transportation in Blair County

WHEREAS, nearly half of all trips in the United State are three miles or less and that with minor investment in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure there is an opportunity to demonstrate a substantial shift to healthy non-motorized transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians in 2015 accounted for 17.7% of the 35,092 total US traffic fatalities, yet receive less than 0.10% of federal transportation spending; and

WHEREAS, the US Surgeon General has stated that physical activity is one of the most important things Americans can do to improve their health; and

WHEREAS, walkable communities make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to be active; and

WHEREAS, Blair County benefits from active bicycle, pedestrian, and trail groups and the promotion of active outdoor recreation and transportation to create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, Blair County also benefits from the presence of the 9-11 National Memorial Trail, three off-road rail-trails, three on-road Cycle Alleghenies routes, Cycle PA Route G, multiple local WalkWorks routes, the mid-state trail, the Juniata River Water Trail, the Little Juniata River Water Trail, as well as numerous local trails; and

WHEREAS, improvements in active transportation infrastructure are recommended in all the following long-range planning documents:

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| 2004 Mainline Canal Greenway | 2000 Altoona MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan |
| 2007 Connections in our Landscape | 2004 Beaverdam Branch Greenway Plan |
| 2007 Blair County Comprehensive Plan | 2006 Canal Town Plan |
| 2007 Blair County Greenways Plan | 2010 Blair County Campaign for Active Transportation |
| 1999 PennDOT 9-0 Bicycle Strategic Plan | |

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Blair County Planning Commission endorses Active transportation and support actions and policies at all levels that make it safe and easy for residents and visitors to walk and bicycle as a way to address key goals such as improved safety in all transportation modes, congestion reduction, tourism, and attraction and retention of residents, visitors, and businesses to Blair County.

Chairman



Secretary

May 25, 2017