



RESOLUTION 2022-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT FOR THE MONROE REGIONAL PATHWAY

WHEREAS, the residents of Monroe and southern Benton County have long been concerned with the lack of safe alternative travel options in the region; and

WHEREAS, since the first City of Monroe Comprehensive Plan was developed in 1979 and most recently updated in 2019, community members have consistently voiced their desire for bicycle and pedestrian specific paths and amenities, and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City of Monroe and Benton County agreed to mutually support the creation of a robust planning document aimed at establishing a roadmap to multimodal transportation improvements and connectivity in Monroe and throughout southern Benton County, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Monroe City Council declared support of a jointly developed Connectivity Plan between the City of Monroe and South Benton County, and adopted all elements contained within the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) for the City of Monroe as a City planning document, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City is provided an opportunity through the Oregon Department of Transportation to complete an Oregon Community Path grant that would construct a multimodal pathway from 6th and Kelly Streets to Alpine Cutoff Road on the Benton County-leased railbed, utilizing existing and previous projects as grant match funds, and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Parks Department has agreed to provide long term maintenance support for the part of the proposed pathway that is outside the Monroe Urban growth Boundary, and

NOW THEREFORE, the Monroe City Council hereby declares and determines support for the Monroe Regional Pathway and authorizes staff to complete the grant application on behalf of the City.

Adopted by the City Council this 28th day of November, 2022.

APPROVED:


Dan Sheets, Mayor


Date

ATTEST:


Steve Martinenko, City Recorder