

Resolution 2008-26

Town of Plainfield, Indiana

Resolution to Support Participation in the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's 2010 Campaign for Active Multi-Modal Transportation in Central Indiana

Whereas, Town of Plainfield supports the Campaign for Active Multi-Modal Transportation in Central Indiana because citizens are demanding more choices for transportation to connect to accessible destinations, that will drive economic and community development to enhance quality of life and physical and environmental health; and

Whereas, studies show that people are more likely to ride transit, walk, or ride their bicycles if their destinations or transit stop is less than half a mile (walking) and within two to three miles (bicycling); and

Whereas, constructing a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities in order to demonstrate the extent to which bicycling and walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load, thus playing a major role in transportation solutions in Central Indiana; and

Whereas, Town of Plainfield supports active multi-modal transportation as long as a right of way is not deemed necessary for motorized transit or may be used for transit, Plainfield supports the goals of an integrated regional transportation system that brings access to all modes of mobility to Central Indiana; and

Whereas, Town of Plainfield believes that by leveraging the resources of partnering agencies, the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation will fund an initial, yet expandable system of pedestrian and bicycle network priorities, and make connections to neighborhoods, transit stops and facilities to significantly increase walking, bicycling and transit as viable modes of travel in Central Indiana; and

Whereas, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is building upon a pilot program from the 2005 federal transportation act, where four communities were provided with \$25 million each over four years to demonstrate that targeted investments can result in transportation mode-shift to bicycling and walking; and

Whereas, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy seeks to expand their program in the next federal transportation reauthorization to include at least 40 communities, with \$50 million per community over six years to promote active transportation; and

Whereas; the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has identified the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area as a candidate for the expanded program, called the *2010 Campaign for Active Transportation*; and

Whereas, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area is a great example of a community where such an investment would create a diverse walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly community linked together by a network that provides access to home, work, education, commerce, transit and recreation; and

Whereas, our region benefits from active bike-pedestrian-trails groups in most municipalities, and from strong regional advocacy organizations such as the Indiana Greenways Foundation and the Health by Design Coalition, and also from supportive planning efforts such as the Regional Pedestrian Plan, Greenways Master Plans and Transit Plans; and

Now Be It Resolved, Town of Plainfield strongly supports Central Indiana's participation in the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation for the significant non-motorized transportation opportunities it will provide.

Adopted this 22 day of September, 2008, by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.

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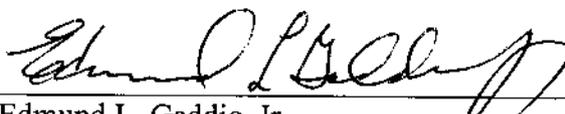


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