

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Road Department is an Act 51 Agency and therefore, is an eligible entity for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, a competitive grant program offered through the Michigan Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Wightman & Associates, Inc. has prepared a TAP grant for the IMRVT Snow Road Trail, a non-motorized facility that will ultimately connect South Bend to St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, the non-motorized facility will be located in public right of ways for 0.5 mile along Snow Road from Shawnee Road to the Public Safety Building at 4411 E. Snow Road; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project budget is \$319,000 with the TAP grant request at \$155,000 and a match of \$164,000 which is expected to be provided by MDNR Trust Fund, Oronoko Charter Township and MDOT CMAQ funding; and

WHEREAS, although the Berrien County Road Department agrees to be the ACT 51 agent for this project, neither the Road Department nor any other department of the County is agreeing to provide funding for the match or future maintenance costs associated with the non-motorized facility at this time; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the Berrien County Road Department will be the contracted party with the Michigan Department of Transportation for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairperson to proceed with the electronic application for the Transportation Alternative Program grant for the purposes of funding a non-motorized facility in Oronoko Charter Township and the Village of Berrien Springs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should this application be approved, prior to the acceptance of any funds, Wightman must provide the Berrien County Board of Commissioners with resolutions of support from each municipality in which this non-motorized facility will be located, as well as the proof of financial commitment of the required match.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Jim Curran, Chairman

Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman

Don Meeks

Chris Heugel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator _____	Date _____
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel <i>JD/ke</i> _____	Date <u>10-20-20</u>
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