

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

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Road Department, an eligible Act 51 Agency for Berrien County, is applying for funds through MDOT from the Transportation Alternatives Program to construct a non-motorized trail along M-63 between Higman Park Road and Monte Road, called the Lakeview Trail; and

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal resolution of support from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining this project; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners is in support of this project; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County, through additional grants, will provide funds necessary to carry out the project, including engineering for design, permit fees, administration costs and matching funds equal to at least 39% match percentage of the construction costs and cost overruns; and

WHEREAS, the project construction cost is estimated to be \$2.3 million, and the request to the Transportation Alternatives Program will be \$1.4 million with the remaining 39% match provided through the following funding sources:

- \$600,000 SPARK Grant
- \$300,000 DNR MNRTF Trust Fund Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, Brian Dissette, or his designee to act as agent on behalf of the County to request Transportation Alternatives Program funding, to act as the applicant's agent during project development and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Berrien County commits to owning and operating the facilities constructed with Transportation Alternatives Program funds provided, however, that the County will not accept or expend any project grant funds until an acceptable facilities maintenance program has been developed and implemented by community partners.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chairman

David A. Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

James R. Martin

Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date 10-18-22
Committee _____	
Corporate _____	