

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2020 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) PROGRAM FOR EXTENDING THE ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY (SOUTH OF WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, State Statute established state Road Funds be set-aside for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which provides funding for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP); and,

WHEREAS, ITEP provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, ITEP is designed to promote and develop alternative transportation options, including non-motorized modes of travel; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Peoria recognizes the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Peoria has adopted a Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, which designates proposed desired routes within the City of Peoria; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock Island Greenway through the City of Peoria, is a rails to trails non-motorized transportation route thought the City of Peoria designated in the Bicycle Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the developed rails to trails portion of the Rock Island Greenway currently terminates at Harvard Avenue, north of War Memorial Drive/US 150; with plans to extend from Harvard Avenue south to Park Avenue,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the 2020 ITEP cycle; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Peoria, Illinois:

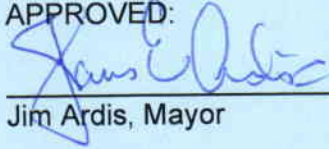
FIRST: That we do hereby support bicycle facilities projects, such as the extension of the Rock Island Greenway south of Park Avenue to the existing Riverfront Trail on Spring Street;

SECOND: That we do hereby authorize City Staff to prepare and submit to the Illinois Department of Transportation an ITEP application for the extension of the Rock Island Greenway from the terminus of the design portion f the Rock Island Greenway on Park Avenue to the existing Riverfront Trail on Spring Street;

THIRD: That we hereby pledge the good faith of the City of Peoria and guarantee that a 20 percent (20%) local match will be programmed as part of its Community Investment Program Budget, if the funding is obtained;

RESOLVED this 10TH day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

APPROVED:



Jim Ardis, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:



Corporation Counsel