

RESOLUTION NO. _____
CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois _____ 20 _____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2016 ILLINOIS
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) FOR EXTENDING THE
ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY (SOUTH OF WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2015 a new transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act," was signed into law, to provide 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 recently adopted a citywide Bicycle Master Plan, which designates proposed desired routes within the City of Peoria; and,

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

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria recently received Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to rehabilitate the vacated railroad bridge over War Memorial Drive/US 150 to continue to develop the Rock Island Greenway to the south on City-owned vacated railroad right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the 2016 ITEP cycle.

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 War Memorial Drive in the City of Peoria;

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 railroad bridge renovation project south to Park Avenue, where it will be connected to an existing off-street pathway on the east side of Glen Oak Park;

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

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel