BIKE ROUTES DESIGNATIONS UPDATE
I thought about it while riding my bicycle.

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ON THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY
WHAT ARE BIKE ROUTES?

- Urban, Suburban & Rural Connections
- Roads and Trails
WHY BIKE ROUTES TODAY?

- Part of Access Ohio 2040’s implementation
USBR 50

- First US Bike Route designated in Ohio
- Washington, D.C. to San Francisco
- East-West through Central Ohio, from Jefferson to Preble County
WHY BIKE ROUTES?

- Customer Preference Survey
  - Residents **WANT** bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - Moved up to 5th in importance
CUSTOMER PREFERENCE SURVEY

- Generational Shifts
  - 18-34 year olds: Are twice as likely not to have a driver’s license (4% statewide)
  - 55-64 year olds: See themselves driving less (14%) not more (12%) in the future
10% of Ohioans bicycling to get places they need to go a few times a month
BENEFITS OF BIKE ROUTES

- Connect communities
- Take advantage of existing facilities
- Focus on improvements
- Economic development
BIKES MEAN BUSINESS

- Contribute $133 Billion annually to US Economy
- Support nearly 1.1 Million jobs across the US
- Produce $53.1 Billion annually in retail sales and services
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- Generate $17.7 Billion annually in local, state and federal income and sales tax
- Bike infrastructure projects are more labor intensive, resulting in more jobs than roadway projects that are materials intensive
BIKE ROUTES IMPLEMENTATION

- ODOT generated route
- Route verified
  - Local riders, MPO’s and ODOT Districts
- Route modified
- Route finalized
- Jurisdictional support (resolution)
- Submission deadlines & AASHTO application, April 1, 2018
WHERE WE ARE TODAY

4,000 MILES

906 RESOLUTIONS NEEDED

220 COMPLETED NEEDED

24% COMPLETE
WHAT’S NEXT
GETTING TO 906

- Secured Consultants
- Working with Bike-Ped Coordinators, PIOs
- Activating MPOs and RTPOs
- Working Directly with Communities
GETTING TO 906

- High level of local interest
- Locals would like to create County Bike Routes
- Similar to State and US Bike Routes
GETTING TO 906

- Active Transportation Guidance
  - Purpose
  - Impacts ODOT owned and maintained roads
  - Exceptions need approval
RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Process for updates to routes
- Signage criteria
906 BY APRIL 1 — WHAT’S NEXT

- Facebook page live
  - Facebook.com/BikeOhio

- Focus by district and by route
  - Consultant team to assist
    - Contacting locals
    - Supplying sample resolutions
    - Following up with calls, emails, visits
QUESTIONS
THANK YOU!

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