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## State & US BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM



## Realizing the Vision of Ohio's State and U.S. Bike Route System

ODOT is working with communities across Ohio to bring the vision of a statewide bike route network off the page and into reality. The network's goal is to provide bicyclists with safe and convenient connections through and to population centers and destinations in Ohio.

The system will serve as a strong backbone for biking in Ohio. Additionally, as you work on local or regional active transportation planning in your community, aim to build on and connect to the network.

Read on to learn more and how you can help achieve our goal of collecting the final resolutions for all U.S. Bike Routes in Ohio in 2019.

### What is it?

Ohio's State and U.S. Bike Route System builds off routes in the U.S. Bike Route System (USBRS). There are segments of five U.S. Bikes Routes in Ohio that connect to the rest of the country. They are: USBR 21, 25, 30, 44 and 50. Together with the State Bike Routes, the system connects more than 400 Ohio communities for intrastate travel, recreation and tourism.

## Why designate specific bike routes?

Most roadways in Ohio are open to bike traffic. However, there are several reasons for designating, signing and improving specific roadways and shared use paths as part of Ohio's State and US Bike Route System.

### For road users, bike routes:

- Provide wayfinding for bicyclists.
- Alert motorists to the presence of bicyclists.
- Accommodate bike travel for all users of all ages and abilities.

### For communities, the benefits include:

- Promoting economic development through bike tourism.
- Improving safety, mobility and quality of life for residents and visitors to Ohio.
- Informing local bike network planning and investments.
- Informing statewide investments and coordinating regional and local opportunities to construct safe and accommodating bike facilities along designated routes.

## You can help!

Our goal is to collect the remaining resolutions for all five US Bike Routes in 2019.

**Local communities:** Sign resolutions and email copies to [bikeohio@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:bikeohio@dot.ohio.gov).

**Regional planning partners:** Ensure communities in your area are aware of the State and US Bike Routes system.

**Other partners:** Share our new [\*fact sheet\*](#) with partners from local jurisdictions that are part of the system and direct questions to [\*ODOT's District Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinators\*](#).

**Requesting route changes:** Instructions on requesting changes are available on ODOT's [\*Bike Route Realignment Request Form\*](#). State and U.S. Bike Route maps will be updated quarterly on ODOT's website.

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## Learn More –

Join us on a webinar on Tuesday, March 26, at 10AM, using [\*Skype\*](#) or ([\*Skype Web App\*](#)) *and* call in: 1-614-466-7177, conference ID: 7072316.

ODOT has five new resources to help this project roll across the finish line – new maps, a route change request form, a fact sheet, a resolution template and list of jurisdictions by US Bike Route.





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