

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF [THE DUBUQUE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY](#)

WHEREAS bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail is a national bicycle route, along the length of the Mississippi River, through ten states, from the headwaters at Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail was designated as one of only 16 National Millennium Trails which honor the past and imagine the future by preserving and commemorating major events and aspects of America's history and culture; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail provides access to and promotes the scenic, historic, archaeological, cultural, recreational and natural qualities of the Mississippi River and its amenities; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail is located primarily on the Wisconsin All-American Great River Road National Scenic Byway (WIS 35) between Prescott and Illinois State Line, but also routed on other state and county highways, local roads or alternative routes for bicycling; and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission and [the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study](#), with the cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as Mississippi River Trail; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail implements Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 1.11, 84.01(35), 84.60, and 85.02, 349.23 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 400 which required that “due consideration to establishing bikeways and pedestrian ways in all new highway construction and reconstruction projects”; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail adds value to existing roads and trails; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail is largely ready to sign and market, and many suggested improvements are already planned; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail will contribute to sustainable economic development in 33 Wisconsin Mississippi River communities; and

WHEREAS the proposed route for the Mississippi River Trail comes through [the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study](#) and can therefore provide a benefit to our residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail will provide increased recreational and transportation choices for individuals to enjoy the outdoors as well as provide health, economic, and quality of life benefits; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi River Trail continues Wisconsin's tradition of honoring and enhancing the Mississippi River by offering multiple bicycling experiences, each in a unique river landscape; and

WHEREAS we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that [the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study](#) in order to receive full benefit of the Mississippi River Trail, hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of the Mississippi River Trail, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially designated along the following segments within the limits of [the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study](#):

[SOUTHBOUND: Shoestring Road from the north town line south to the intersection with Line Road, turn right and continue west on Line Road to the intersection with Old Highway Road, turn left and continue south on Old Highway Road to the intersection with County Trunk Highway \(CTH\) H, turn right and continue west on CTH H to the intersection with US 151/WIS 35/US 61, continue straight and west on Peddle Hollow Road to the intersection with Bluff Road, turn left and continue south on Bluff Road to the intersection with Plum Hollow Road, stay right and continue south on Bluff Road to the intersection with Eagle Point Road/Sandy Hook Road, turn left and continue east on Sandy Hook Road to the intersection with Badger Road, turn right and continue south on Badger Road to the intersection with WIS 11/WIS 35, turn left and continue east on WIS 11 to the intersection with CTH Z, turn right and continue east on CTH Z to the east town line.](#)

[NORTHBOUND: CTH Z from the east town line west to the intersection with WIS 11, turn left and continue west on WIS 11 to the intersection with WIS 35/Badger Road, turn right and continue north on Badger Road to the intersection with Sandy Hook Road, turn left and continue west on Sandy Hook Road to the intersection with Eagle Point Road/Bluff Road, turn right and continue north on Bluff Road to the intersection with Plum Hollow Road, stay left and continue north on Bluff Road to the intersection with Peddle Hollow Road, turn right and continue east on Peddle Hollow Road to the intersection with US 151/WIS 35/US 61, continue straight and west on CTH H to the intersection with Old Highway Road, turn left and continue north on Old Highway Road to the intersection with Line Road, turn right and continue east on Line Road to the intersection with Shoestring Road, turn left and continue north on Shoestring Road to the north town line.](#)

[CONNECTION TO IA-MRT: From the intersection of WIS 11/WIS 35/Badger Road, proceed west on WIS 11 to the intersection with United States Highway \(USH\) 61/USH 151, continue straight and south on USH 61/USH 151 to Iowa state line.](#)

(See attached map)

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____



Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission



All American Road

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
c/o Chandra Ravada, Executive Director
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Dubuque, IA 52002

Dear Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study Executive Director,

The Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission (WIMRPC), in partnership with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC), are working diligently to formally designate the approximately 250 miles of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) which generally follows the Wisconsin Great River Road, Highway 35. We need your support. We wish to meet with you at a date and time of your choosing to present the plan and determine what, if any, proposed route designations should be changed. Wisconsin is one of only two states out of the 10 that make up the National Great River Road National Scenic Byway that has not signed the Mississippi River Trail. We want to correct that.

The Mississippi River Trail because it spans 10 states, primarily draws touring cyclists who can choose to ride the entire Wisconsin segment or smaller segments that are better suited to their experience level. Bicycling this route is a growing interest and is an outdoor activity that people from all over the Midwest enjoy. Many Bicycle Clubs choose this route due to the many challenges it presents. They utilize our local businesses and parks. They promote the area with their social media posts and blogs.

Formal designation and signing of the MRT combined with the recent All-American Road designation of the Great River Road, Mississippi Flyway Pollinator Project, and the hundreds of destinations (hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, museums and interpretive centers) will continue a trend of increased tourism and economic benefits to the communities along this route.

Sherry Quamme, WIMRPC chair will be reaching out via phone in a week or so to finalize a meeting with the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study Board. It appears that your board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. If April 10 or May 8 would work for you that would be great.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting to get your feedback and input.

Sincerely,

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Link to: [Wisconsin Department of Transportation Great River Road \(Mississippi River Trail\) Bicycle Map](#)

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