A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK SUPPORTING A PROPOSED WESTERVILLE TO ARENA DISTRICT BIKEWAY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Minerva Park realizes that bikeways have the potential to provide transportation and recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no safe, convenient, or fast means of commuting by bike from northeast Columbus into downtown Columbus because the main thoroughfares, Sunbury Road, Westerville Road, and Cleveland Avenue have no bicycle accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Westerville to Arena District Bikeway (WAD") provides a car-free and bike-accommodating transportation route from Cooper Park near Westerville to Nationwide Arena in downtown Columbus;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Council of the Village of Minerva Park supports the initiative to build a commuter bikeway connecting Westerville to the Arena District in Columbus. The plans are to build on an abandoned rail grade running through northeast Columbus. The rail grade in question is commonly referred to as the old Mt. Vernon Right-of-Way. It begins at Cooper Park on the southern edge of Westerville and continues south to 17th Avenue in Columbus. From there the trail will continue along rail lines and end below the Convention Center in downtown Columbus.

Section 2. This resolution is in support of the idea of a bikeway and is not a commitment to provide any financial or other support.

Section 3. All prior resolution(s) or any part thereof, which is(are) inconsistent with this resolution is(are) hereby repealed as to the inconsistent part(s) thereof and the remainder of said resolution(s) not inconsistent with this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and shall be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor, Village of Minerva Park

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Attest Suzanne Coulter, Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Minerva Park

Reviewed by Counsel