

November 2, 2023

Additional Support Documents

- 1) TAP Award Letter from ODOT
- 2) Shelby County Resolution regarding the TAP Grant Application
- 3) Cost estimates for Shelby County Segment
- 4) Map of potential routes for Kuther Road to Village of Lockington
- 5) Map of Proposed City of Sidney Extension
- 6) Summary of Proposed City of Sidney Extension
- 7) Shelby County Letter to Congressmen Carey for Congressional Appropriation Request
- 8) Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau Letter to Congressman Carey



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6 June 2023

Tony Bornhorst, Commissioner
Shelby County Commissioners
129 East Court Street, Shelby County Annex
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Dear Mr. Bornhorst:

Thank you for your application for the Transportation Alternatives Program. Considerable time and effort were spent reviewing each application for its transportation need, costs, and benefits to the local community. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that the Great Miami Riverway Recreation Trail Project has been selected for funding in the Transportation Alternative Program.

In the past, ODOT has provided 80% of the eligible costs in Federal funds through the Transportation Alternatives Program. This year the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allows TAP projects to be funded using 80% Federal TAP funding matched with 20% Federal Safety funding. The Great Miami Recreation Trail Project has been awarded \$4,200,000 in Federal funds. These funds will be available in State Fiscal Year 2026.

Please contact Blake Simpson, in the ODOT District 7 office at (937) 497-6807 or blake.simpson@dot.ohio.gov, to schedule a project scope meeting and start the process of programming your project. It is very important to establish solid commitment dates for your project. Failure to meet the programmed sale date could result in funding being withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 644-6394 or by e-mail at jeffrey.shaner@dot.ohio.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Shaner".

Jeff Shaner
Local Programs Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Blake Simpson, ODOT District 7

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, JANUARY 26, 2023
SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO**

This day the Board of County Commissioners of Shelby County, Ohio met in regular session with the following members present: Anthony J. Bornhorst, Julie L. Ehemann, and Robert A. Guillozet.

“In the Matter of Declaring Support for the Recreational Trail Development Project in Shelby County and Authorizing Application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.”

A motion was made by Mr. Bornhorst for the adoption of the following

R E S O L U T I O N No. 2023-40

WHEREAS, the Great Miami River Trail currently extends from Fairfield, Ohio north to Piqua, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to connect to the recreational trail from Kuther Road in Shelby County through the Village of Lockington to the current trail terminus in the City of Piqua; and

WHEREAS, this Board fully supports the extension of the trail and is seeking funding to aid in its completion; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) provides funds for non-motorized transportation activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Ohio hereby authorizes application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for the Recreational Trail Development Project in Shelby County.

Mrs. Ehemann seconded the foregoing motion. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Bornhorst, yea; Mrs. Ehemann, yea; and Mr. Guillozet, yea. The President declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Shelby, Ohio, held on the 26th day of January 2023, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout as therein set forth, which is certified to be a true and accurate copy of the minutes so adopted.

Pamela D. White, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
Shelby County, Ohio

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL					\$4,139,995.00
INFLATION (13.4% FOR 2026 CONSTRUCTION)					\$554,760.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL					\$4,694,755.00
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (8%)					\$375,580.00
CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TOTAL					\$5,070,335.00
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION CONSULTANT	PARCELS	4	\$6,500.00		\$26,000.00
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION (PERMANENT EASEMENTS)	PARCELS	4	\$10,000.00		\$40,000.00
INFLATION (13.4% FOR 2026 CONSTRUCTION)					\$8,844.00
RIGHT-OF-WAY TOTAL					\$74,844.00
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (INCLUDING GEOTECH)					\$366,192.00
FINAL ENGINEERING (STAGE 3 THROUGH FINAL TRACINGS)					\$197,179.00
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING					\$45,000.00
TOTAL DESIGN FEES					\$608,371.00
PROJECT GRAND TOTAL					\$5,753,550.00



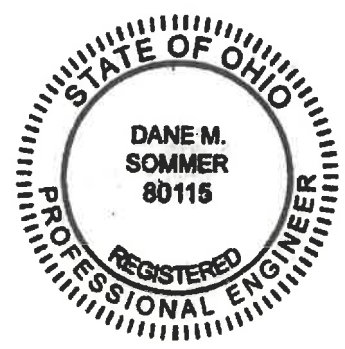
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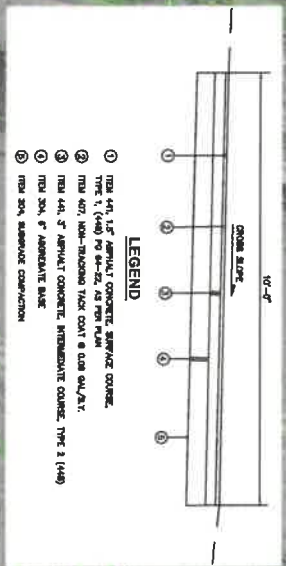
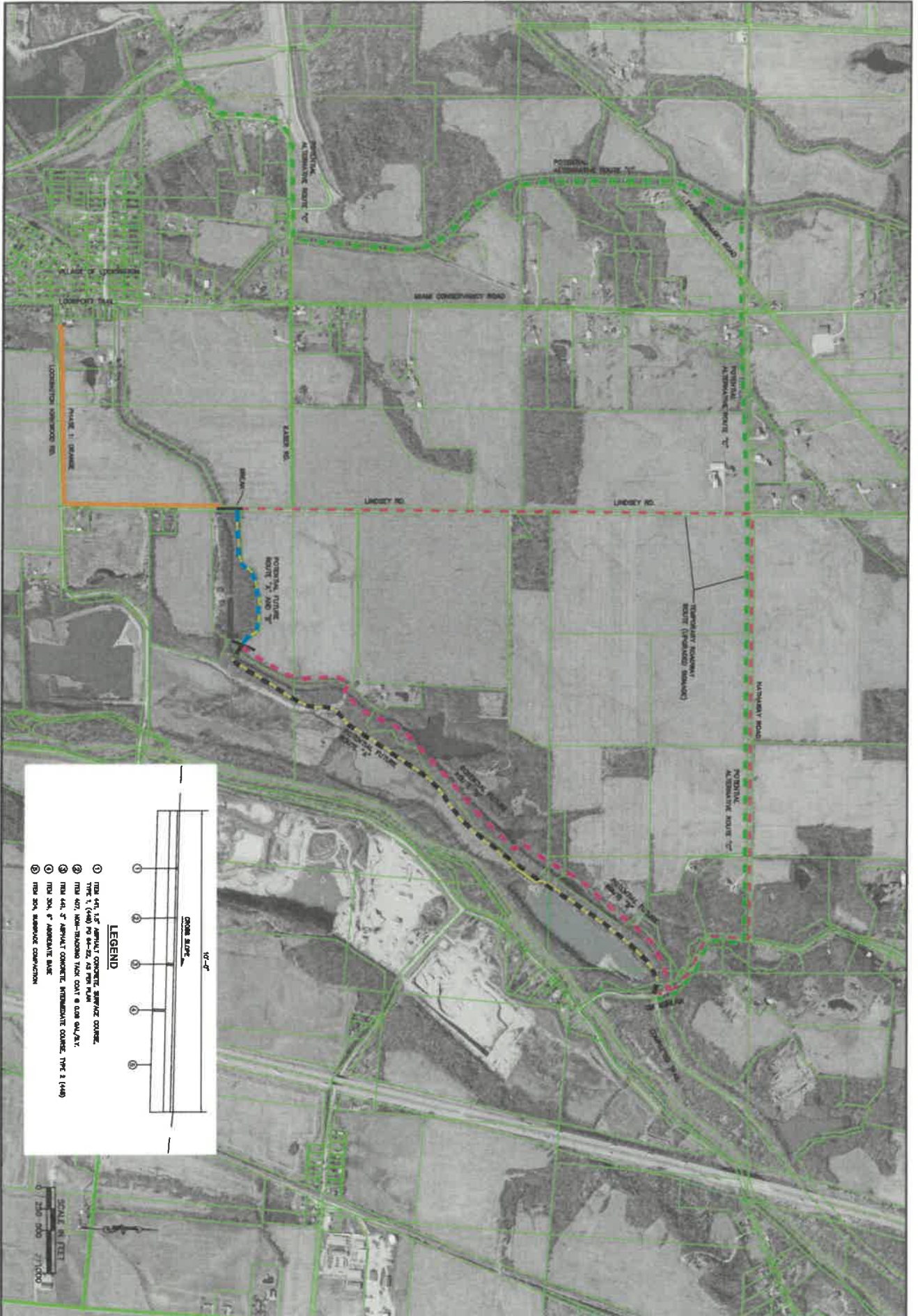
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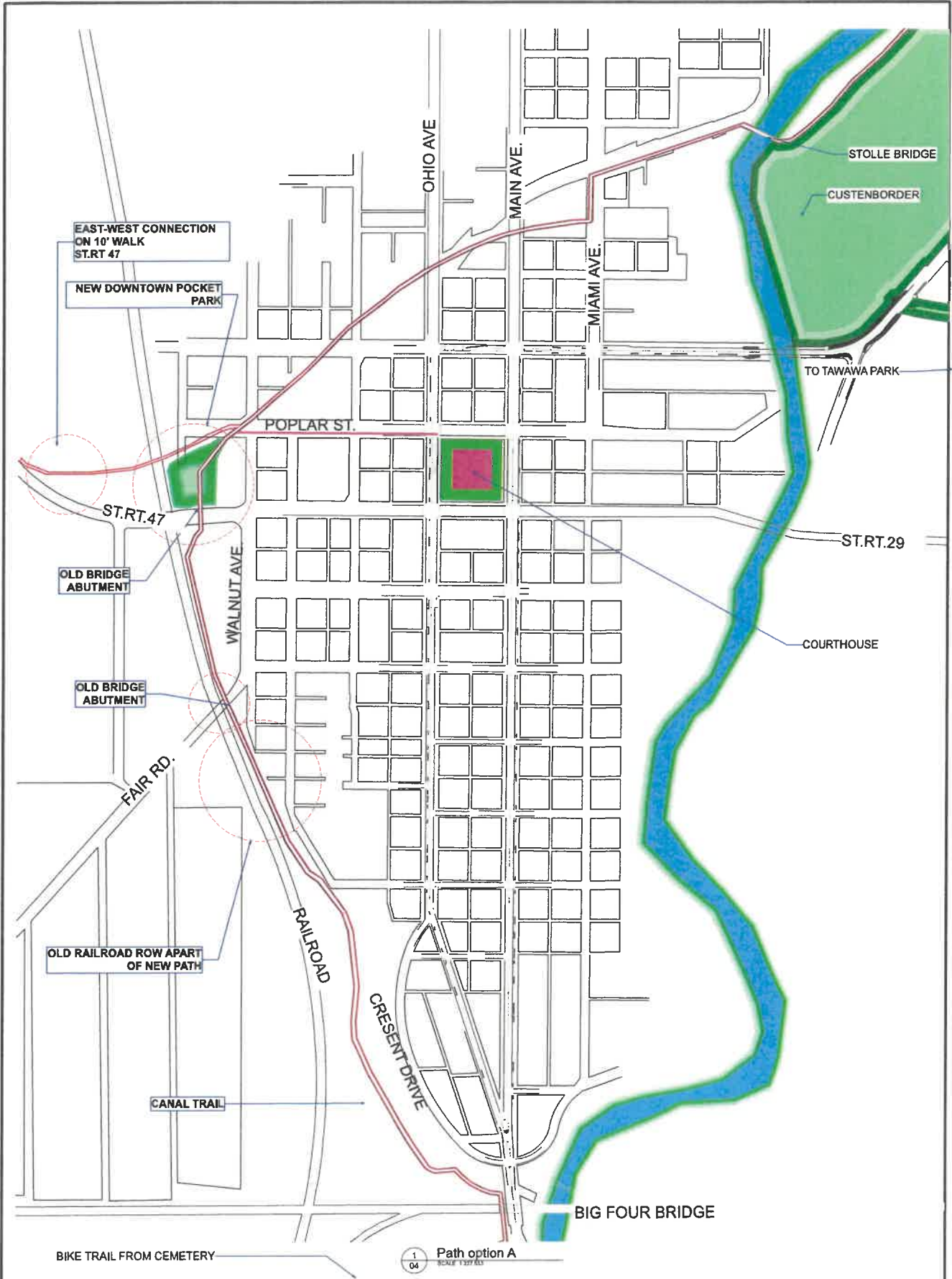
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FOR
SIDNEY, OHIO



FREYTAG & ASSOCIATES INC.
ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS

226 N. MAIN AVE

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Tony Bornhorst

From: Duane Gaier <DGaier@sidneyoh.com>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Tony Bornhorst
Subject: RE: PDAC
Attachments: 230216_BIKEWAY.PDF

Tony:

Below is a summary of the two projects.

The attached map shows a concept for the east-west, multi-use trail project, which will connect to an existing walkway from the west side of Sidney, that will then pass near the city center, and on to Custenborder Fields and Tawawa Park. It also maps out the continuation of the Canal Feeder Trail (Great Miami Recreational Trail) from Graceland Cemetery into downtown Sidney. The Canal Feeder Trail extension will utilize Miami-Erie Canal land, along with CSX Railroad spurs that are no longer in use, to provide the connection into the city from the Great Miami Recreational Trail. A pedestrian bridge will be installed to cross State Route 47, utilizing the existing railroad bridge abutments. This crossing will provide access to an old railroad depot site and create a "hub" for the connection to the east-west trail, with a future option of connecting the northern area of the city.

The cost estimate for the east-west connection from the Highland Ave., 10' walkway to the Stolle Bridge, over the Great Miami River and into Custenborder Fields and Tawawa Park is, \$900,000.00. This .9 mile trail will connect the western neighborhoods of Sidney to the residents living on the east side of the city and into the 226 acre Tawawa Park. Extending the Canal Feeder Trail from Graceland Cemetery, into the downtown and connect with the east-west trail is roughly 1.5 miles and estimated to cost, \$4,100,000.00. This project will connect downtown Sidney to Shelby County's efforts to close the gap between Sidney and our friends to the south in Miami County and beyond, along the Great Miami Recreational Trail.

Let me know if you need anything additional?

Duane

Duane Gaier - CPRP
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PAMELA STEINKE, Clerk of the Board

March 15, 2023

Dear Kaitlyn Dwyer,

Shelby County's request is for completion of 2.3 mile segment of the Great Miami Riverway Recreational Trail from Kuther Road, Sidney to the Village of Lockington, Shelby County. A committee has been meeting for at least five years and is comprised of Tony Bornhorst, Shelby County Commissioner; Duane Gaier, City of Sidney Park Director; Mark Cundiff, former Sidney City Manager; current Sidney City manager Andrew Bowsher; Choice One Engineering staff; Dan Foley, Director of Great Miami Riverway; Scott Myers, Director of Miami County Park District; James Hill, Sidney Shelby Economic Partnership; and Jeff Raible, Sidney Shelby Chamber of Commerce. This segment's completion has been a collaborative effort to connect Sidney to the Great Miami Riverway Recreational Trail.

I have attached a map of three proposed routes and a total project cost by Choice One Engineering. The total cost for the project is \$5,753,550.00 and Shelby County is asking for \$683,215.00 to provide for design, engineering and right-of-way projected cost. Shelby County has secured \$500,000.00 from the Ohio Capital Projects Grant. Shelby County has applied for \$3.9 million Ohio Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternative Project Grant. Shelby County is also able to apply for Clean Ohio Trails and Land and Water Conservation Grants in 2024. Shelby County has also reached out to business and private individuals for support.

The project timeline is to apply for ODOT TAP grant in 2023. If successful those grant dollars will be available for construction in late 2025. Applying for a Congressional Appropriation for funding for design and engineering in 2024. Apply for Clean Ohio Trails and Land and Water Conservation Grants in 2024 and to ask business and private citizens for contributions to the project. Start of construction in late 2025 with completion in 2026.

Shelby County has included Letters of Support that were presented to the Ohio Capital Projects Grant application in 2022. Shelby County looks forward to completion of the 2.3 mile segment of the Great Miami Riverway Recreational Trail. The project's contribution to Shelby County citizens and all of Southwest Ohio residents is impactful to recreational, economic and "place making" activities. Thank you for the opportunity to apply and with sincere appreciation to Representative Mike Carey for his support of Shelby County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Bornhorst". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony J. Bornhorst

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Sidney
OHIO

March 28, 2023

Congressman Mike Carey
140 East Town Street, Suite 1200
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Congressman Carey:

Today I am writing in support of Shelby County's application for Congressional Appropriation Funding to help construct a 2.3 mile addition to the Great Miami Riverway recreational trail in Shelby County. This segment once complete will continue the trail from Sidney's current southern terminus at Kuther Road to the Village of Lockington. From there, Miami County officials have committed to constructing the final 2.6 mile connecting segment from the northern terminus in Piqua. Completion of same will finalize the long sought-after 99-mile paved, off-roadway trail from Sidney to Hamilton, Ohio.

Combined with existing east/west trail connectors already in place, west central and southwest Ohio will boast more than 360 miles of recreational trail to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. An enviable resource such as this will impact all communities along the trail corridor and add to the quality of life, recreation, and economic vitality of the region.

Since my initial involvement with this project many years ago, it has been a collaborative effort of both public and private entities to see this through. The finish line is insight. With your assistance, we can make this vision a reality.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Raible'.

Jeff Raible
President
Sidney Visitors Bureau
Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

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