

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has the power to approve and determine the final plans, specifications and estimates for all State highways; and

WHEREAS, IDOT's projects must adequately meet the State's transportation needs, exist in harmony with their surroundings, and add lasting value to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, IDOT must embrace principles of context sensitive design and context sensitive solutions in its policies and procedures for the planning, design, construction, and operation of its projects for new construction, reconstruction, or major expansion of existing transportation facilities by engaging in early and ongoing collaboration with affected citizens, elected officials, interest groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that the values and needs of the affected communities are identified and carefully considered in the development of transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle and pedestrian ways must be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities, including the incorporation of such ways into State plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, The State's complete streets law requires bicycle and pedestrian ways to be established in or within one mile of an urban area in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility, except in pavement resurfacing projects that do not widen the existing traveled way or do not provide stabilized shoulders, or where approved by the Secretary of Transportation based upon documented safety issues, excessive cost or absence of need; and

WHEREAS, During the development of highway projects throughout the State, IDOT gives consideration to accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians on a need-basis; and

| WHEREAS, IDOT has presented the (*local authority*), for its consideration, a bicycle and/or pedestrian improvement with funding to be split 80% State, 20% local with maintenance to be provided by (*IDOT/unit of local government*); therefore, be it

| RESOLVED, That the (*local authority*) hereby rejects IDOT's proposed bicycle and/or pedestrian improvement and acknowledges that such rejection will result in a cancellation of the proposed improvement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Project Engineer associated with the proposal, or his or her equivalent, within IDOT.