## A Resolution in Support of a Dedicated Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge for SR37/I-69 Section 5

WHEREAS the purpose of the Bloomington Bicycle Club, a 501(C)(4) nonprofit corporation, is to promote and encourage bicycling; and

WHEREAS our purpose is to advise, support, and assist community groups in furthering the use of bicycles for recreation, competition, travel, and transportation; and

WHEREAS our purpose is to urge the construction of public facilities for all types of bicycling; and

WHEREAS a transportation system that provides connectivity will enhance tourism, promote recreational opportunities, and stimulate economic activity that will benefit both the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS inadequate bridge facilities that span State Route 37, along with the highway itself, currently function as a barrier separating the west side of Bloomington and Monroe County from the east and central portions of Bloomington for those traveling on bicycles or otherwise not using motorized transport; and

WHEREAS the Monroe County Alternative Transportation Plan, the Monroe County State Road 37 Corridor Plan, and the I-69 / SR37 Alternative Transportation Corridor Study have all identified crossings of State Road 37 / I-69 between 2nd Street and 3rd Street as the highest priority for further study; and

WHEREAS the Monroe County Alternative Transportation Technical Committee has evaluated alternatives and has identified a potential site for a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridge that would connect Basswood Drive next to Forest Ridge Apartments on the east, and Liberty Drive on the west; and

WHEREAS the City of Bloomington, in a March 27, 2012, memo to INDOT expressed the desirability of connecting Liberty Drive to Basswood Drive at or near the above mentioned site; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we support any and all efforts by the Indiana Department of Transportation, its contractors and/or agents to study, design, engineer and build a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridge that will span the I-69 / SR37 highway to connect Basswood Drive next to Forest Ridge Apartments on the east, and Liberty Drive on the west, or other nearby corridors as determined by INDOT engineering studies.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Bicycle Club this <u>16</u> day of September, 2012.

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