

Whereas Route 66, the mother road, is a popular tourist attraction that brings in visitors from all over the country and the world seeking an authentic, Americana experience; and

Whereas Oklahoma is proud to host the most remaining drivable miles, nearly 460 miles and has as a prominent citizen, Cyrus Avery, the “father of Route 66”, and

Whereas the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor known as Route 66 beginning in Illinois and terminating in California to be developed as United States Bike Route 66 (USBR 66), and

Whereas the Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition (OBC) views the designation of US Bike Route 66 as a tool for furthering biking interests throughout our state, and

Whereas a nationally significant designated bicycle route can provide additional bicycling opportunities for Oklahoma cyclists as well as international and national riders, and

Whereas the designation process can help educate government agencies, businesses, bicyclists, and other stakeholders on the economic, health, and environmental benefits of bike riding, and

Whereas the mission of the Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition is to promote bicycle access, safety and education throughout the state,

Therefore be it resolved that the Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 66, and will assist the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in completing the process for the USBR application, by providing volunteer, funding, and other advocacy support.