

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**  
Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Road Department is an Act 51 Agency and therefore, is an eligible entity for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, a competitive grant program offered through the Michigan Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission has prepared a TAP grant for the Marquette Greenway, a non-motorized facility that will ultimately connect New Buffalo to Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the non-motorized facility will be located in the County Road Right of Way for about 0.4 miles along Grand Beach Road from the state line to Oak Street and the remainder of the shared use facility will be in other public right of ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated project budget is \$2,638,530 with the TAP grant request at \$1,590,530 and a match of \$1,048,000 (40%) which is expected to be provided by the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, The Pokagon Fund, The Berrien Community Foundation, MDNR Trust Fund, and Friends of Harbor Country; and



**WHEREAS**, although the Berrien County Road Department agrees to be the ACT 51 agent for this project, neither the Road Department nor any other department of the County is agreeing to provide funding for the match or future maintenance costs associated with the non-motorized facility at this time; and

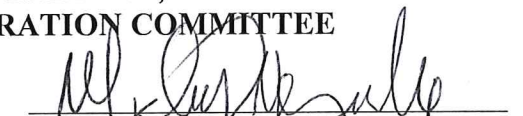
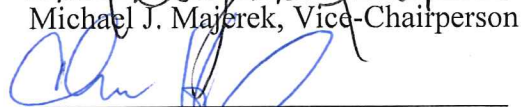
**WHEREAS**, if the grant is awarded the Berrien County Road Department will be a contracted party with the Michigan Department of Transportation for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Road Department Director to proceed with an application for the Transportation Alternative Program grant for the purposes of funding a non-motorized facility in New Buffalo City and New Buffalo Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should this application be approved, prior to the acceptance of any funds, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission must provide the Berrien County Board of Commissioners with resolutions of support from each municipality in which this non-motorized facility will be located, as well as the proof of financial commitment of the required match.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

  
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Jim Curran, Chairperson  
  
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Don Meeks

  
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Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairperson  
  
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Chris Heugel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM

Administrator	<u>  m  </u>	Date	<u>  3/6/19  </u>
Comments Attached	_____		
Corporate Council	_____	Date	_____
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