

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-11

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF THE RAILS TO THE TRAILS INVENTORY PLAN AS COMPLETED BY VIREO, ANALYZING THE SUITABILITY OF UTILIZING THE FORMER RAIL CORRIDORS AS EXTENSIONS OF THE URBAN TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the MPO has formally introduced the Plan, which focuses on utilizing segments of the former Union Pacific, Chicago and Northwestern railroads as development opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian trails; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO plans to encourage local governments to utilize the document to extend the trail system connecting each entity within the metropolitan area between Elwood, Kansas and Wathena, Kansas and St. Joseph, Missouri via the Village of Country Club to Savannah, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan promotes opportunities for the trail to work in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School Plan as the rail corridor connects between Riverside East School in Elwood, Kansas and Riverside West School in Wathena, Kansas as well as throughout the Savannah RIII School District; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO recognizes the completion of the trail to be minimally invasive to current property conditions as the natural environment serves as an intricate part in the success of such trail type; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO further supports the larger vision of the Quad State Trails that will be the first non-motorized system safely connecting 4 states, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, by way of pedestrian travel; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO's action on implementation of the plan is dependent on approval of the document among each individual municipality; and,


WHEREAS, St. Joseph, Missouri has adopted the Rails to Trails Plan by the MPO as the official vision for trail extensions as part of the Urban Trail System, and the Quad State Trails;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 5th day of November, 2012, that the Governing Body hereby supports the resolution of St.

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Joseph, Missouri, adopting the Rails to Trails Plan by the MPO as the official vision for trail extensions as part of the Urban Trail System, and the Quad State Trails.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 5th day of November, 2012.



Robert Ryser, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jim Richardson, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)