



CITY OF DUNNELLON

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To: Mary O'Brien, AICP, CPH
State Bicycle/ Pedestrian Coordinator
Florida Department of Transportation, Central Office Roadway Design Office
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Dear Mary O'Brien,

City of Dunnellon would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 15 (USBR 15) through Dunnellon. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. As a city, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a bicycle route corridor through Florida to be developed as USBR 15. Dunnellon lies within that corridor and we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be suitable for bicycle tourists.

I am contacting you to indicate our support for designating USBR 15 through Dunnellon using W Pennsylvania Ave. and Ned Love Ave.

The proposed route for USBR 15 will provide a benefit to our city and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area. Therefore, Dunnellon hereby expresses its support for the designation USBR 15, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

William P. White, Mayor

