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County of Nevada
Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: April 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing approval and support for the designation of a portion of State Route 89 in Nevada County as United States Bike Route 85.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution and accompanying letter.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

BACKGROUND: The Adventure Cycling Association and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO, a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments) are working together to designate a nationwide system of bicycle routes that will allow cyclists to ride an officially numbered and signed bicycle route “from your backyard to anywhere in the United States.” It is an ambitious project, and to date, more than 11,000 miles of U.S. Bicycle Routes have been officially designated in 24 states. When complete, the USBRS will encompass more than 50,000 miles of routes and open up new opportunities for cross-country travel, regional bicycle touring, and commuting by bicycle.

One of these proposed routes, U.S. Bicycle Route 85 (USBR 85), would run from the Canadian border near Sumas, Washington to Tecate, Mexico, roughly following the route of the Pacific Crest Trail. In Nevada County, USBR 85 would utilize State Route 89 and local roads within the Town of Truckee. The project proponents are seeking resolutions from the states, counties, and communities along the route. No physical changes or expenditures are requested. The proposal is consistent with the Nevada County Bicycle Master Plan and is supported by both the Town of Truckee and the Truckee Trails Foundation.

When implemented, the proposed bicycle route designation is expected to help grow bicycle tourism in our county and enhance local economies with very little investment. I recommend we approve the attached resolution and accompanying letter.

Respectfully,

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