

## New International Trade Crossing (NITC)

- WHEREAS Creating an international bicycle route between Detroit and Windsor would yield long term economic, social and health benefits for the people of this region; and
- WHEREAS Both Detroit and Windsor have rapidly growing cycling communities and the United States and Canada are moving forward with a new publicly owned bridge connecting them; and
- WHEREAS Both Detroit and Windsor have made significant investments in expanding their bicycle networks, riverfront greenways, and other trails systems; and
- WHEREAS The Underground Railroad Bicycle Route from Mobile, Alabama to Owen Sound, Ontario currently has no means for bicyclists to cross the Detroit River; and
- WHEREAS The NITC bridge design in the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) record of Decisions does accommodate bicyclists and pedestrian travel on the NITC; and
- WHEREAS The Detroit City Council, by resolution, has endorsed the Non-Motorized Urban Transportation Master Plan (the Plan); and
- WHEREAS The Windsor City Council has passed a resolution in support of bike lanes in the NITC; and
- WHEREAS U.S. Customs and Border Protection “wholly supports” this U.S. DOT plan and “looks forward to fully engaging in NITC planning and design activities to include development of bicycle and pedestrian access,” **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED The Detroit City Council wants the NITC crossing between Detroit and Windsor to include safe dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facilities. **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED The Michigan Department of Transportation and Detroit Traffic Engineering collaborate to develop bicycle and pedestrian access to the NITC bridge plaza; **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor’s Office, the Department of Public Work Traffic Engineering Division; the Green Task Force; the Governor’s office; the office of Senator Carl Levin; the office of Congressman Gary Peters; the Department of Homeland Security; the U.S. Department of Transportation; SEMCOG and the Michigan Department of Transportation