



# St. Bernard Parish Council

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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Luna, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION SBPC #2216-03-22**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE ST. BERNARD PARISH MURPHY OIL CY PRES COMMITTEE FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,000.00.

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government, in partnership with and with funding assistance from the Regional Planning Commission of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes, did initiate a 2003 feasibility study to determine whether a regional multi-purpose trail could be constructed in St. Bernard Parish along the Mississippi River levee; and,

WHEREAS, that study was completed in 2005 and demonstrated that such a trail was possible to construct; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish sought federal grant funding for construction of the first two phases of the project which became known as the St. Bernard Parish Mississippi River Trail (MRT); and,

WHEREAS, the federal transportation act, known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), established the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) to provide federal funding support for projects which could reduce congestion and improve air quality in select areas of the country; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish was successful in securing a \$1,255,000 CMAQ grant to fund 95% of the construction cost of the St. Bernard Parish Mississippi River Trail Phase I&II; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of this new CMAQ grant was delayed due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent focus on local recovery efforts; and



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**WHEREAS**, the Parish restarted its implementation of the MRT project in 2010 continuing with design engineering and approval of Phase I&II plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, St. Bernard Parish adopted a new St. Bernard Parish Comprehensive Plan in 2015 which included the Mississippi River Trail as part of its bikeways and trails plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish adopted the St. Bernard Parish Bikeways and Pedestrian Plan Update in 2017 which further defined the Mississippi River Trail as a major component of the Parish's regional trail system and identified links to other bikeway facilities which will provide access to the regional trails; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish continued to seek new funding assistance to implement the remaining phases of the Mississippi River Trail; and,

**WHEREAS**, the federal transportation act, known as the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), authorized the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to provide funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives including on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities and recreational trail projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish was successful in securing two TAP grants for the Mississippi River Trail including \$1,134,050 for the MRT Phase III and \$582,384 for MRT Phase IV; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parish was also successful in securing grants from the Recreational Trails Program totaling \$352,738 for trailheads and a connector trail to St. Bernard State Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, each of these grants require local matching funds to supplement the federal funding share provided for construction and additional local funds to cover engineering and related costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, additional expenses are necessary to fully implement the trail project that are not covered by federal grants; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Mississippi River Trail is located adjacent to the former Murphy Oil property and a proposal was submitted to the St. Bernard Parish Cy Pres Murphy Oil Committee in the summer of 2021 to fund these additional expenses; and,



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WHEREAS, following discussions of the grant application by the Committee and the federal judge overseeing the administration of these funds, the Committee approved a portion of the funding request totaling \$389,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government wishes to certify acceptance of this grant by adoption of this Council resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Bernard Parish Council does hereby authorize the acceptance of the St. Bernard Parish Murphy Oil Cy Pres Committee grant in the amount of \$389,000.00 for implementation of the Mississippi River Trail (no local match required); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Bernard Parish Council does hereby authorize the President of St. Bernard Parish Government to sign and execute all required grant agreements and any amendments thereof, and all the necessary reports, requirements, assurances, contracts, and any other documents mandated in connection with the St. Bernard Parish Murphy Oil Cy Pres Committee Grant for the Mississippi River Trail.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: McCloskey, Lewis

The Council Chair, Ms. Callais, cast her vote as YEA.

And the motion was declared adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

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## CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Witness my hand and the seal  
of the Parish of St. Bernard on  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
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ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL