



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
C&O Canal National Historical Park
1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

IN REPLY REFER TO

10.B (Management)

September 30, 2013

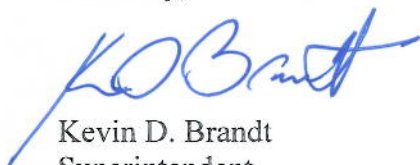
Heather Deutsch
Bicycle Program Specialist/Trail Planner
55M Street, SE
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Deutsch,

This letter is in support of the DC Department of Transportation proposal to nominate the DC section of the towpath as a portion of US bicycle Route 50. The towpath is managed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. This designation would be compatible with the guidelines in our enabling legislation that we would “develop the potential of the canal for public recreations”.

The DC section of the towpath extends for 3.6 miles from the DC/MD border to Georgetown (Water Street, NW). The towpath is ideal for short or extended bicycle use paralleling the Potomac River in an Eastern Woodland setting. The designation as portion of the US Bicycle Route 50 would help promote the recreational and historical value of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

Sincerely,



Kevin D. Brandt
Superintendent



Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor

James T. Smith, Jr.
Secretary

October 9, 2013

Ms. Heather Deutsch
Bicycle Program Specialist/Trail Planner
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District Department of Transportation
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Washington DC 20003

Dear Ms. Deutsch:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to offer our support of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) nomination for the designation of US Bicycle Route 50 along the portion of the C&O Canal Towpath beginning in Georgetown, DC and terminating at the DC/Maryland boundary. As you are aware MDOT has nominated the Maryland portion of the C&O Canal Towpath for designation as US Bicycle Route 50. We are currently awaiting the decision of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) regarding our nomination.

AASHTO's US Bicycle Route Corridors Map shows Washington, DC as the eastern terminus of US Bicycle Route 50. If our departments' respective nominations are approved, the easternmost portions of the US Bicycle Route 50 corridor will be in place. It is my understanding that officials in Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania are currently considering nominating segments of US Bicycle Route 50 in their respective jurisdictions as well.

Best wishes on winning approval of DDOT's nomination from AASHTO. Please let me know if we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Jackson".

Michael E. Jackson
Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS



APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A
U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE (OCTOBER 24, 2012)

Member State Submitting Application: District of
Columbia

USBR No. 50

Date: Sept. 30, 2013

This is an application for (please check):

- Establishment of a new U.S. Bicycle Route or segment
- Realignment of an existing U.S. Bicycle Route
- Deletion of a U.S. Bicycle Route or segment

Route Connects C&O Canal Trail from Maryland Border to C&O Canal Trail end in Georgetown (at Water St., NW)

(e.g., State Border, International Border, Existing US Bicycle Route, etc.)

The following state or states are involved: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia.

Map and Route Log

Attachment A: Map (PDF the map in color and attach to this form)

Attachment B: Route Log

Use the following form (or similarly formatted spreadsheet file labeled "Attachment B" and submitted with your application) for turn-by-turn details of the U.S. Bicycle Route you are proposing for designation.

Starting Point of Route or Realignment	Miles traveled on this facility	Turn location and road name/ designation	General Direction of Travel
C&O Canal Trail at Maryland border.	3.6	C&O Canal Trail.	Southeast
Terminus: C&O Canal Trail end in Georgetown (at Water St., NW).	Total Mileage: 3.6		

By signing below, the applicant attests to the following statements:

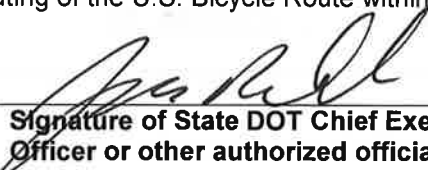
The state affirms that this application complies with the current *Purpose and Policy in Establishment and Extending United States Bicycle Routes*.

The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or significantly alter any U.S. Bicycle Route, including markers and/or maps, without the authorization, consent, or approval of the *Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials*, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

The state affirms concurrence from all regional and local agencies that have ownership or operational authority over any part of the proposed routing of the U.S. Bicycle Route within this state.

District of Columbia

Member State


**Signature of State DOT Chief Executive
Officer or other authorized official**

16-2-13

Date

(A letter from your Member State Chief Executive Officer with a signature is sufficient for the completion of this application, if the agency chooses not to include the signature on this form.)

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Shows section of C&O Canal Trail the District of Columbia wishes to designate as part of Route 50.

