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2 **U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project** – For the purpose of the City Council to  
3 accept the Annapolis Transportation Board recommendations for the U.S. Naval Academy  
4 Bridge Shared-Use Path Project (SUP); and generally related to City of Annapolis efforts to  
5 ensure the City becomes more cyclist-friendly.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 27-24**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge**  
13 **Co-sponsored by: Alds. O'Neill, Pindell Charles**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of the City Council to accept the Annapolis Transportation Board  
20 recommendations for the U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project (SUP); and  
21 generally related to City of Annapolis efforts to ensure the City becomes more cyclist-  
22 friendly.

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24 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis is currently building a City-wide bike network (the Project)  
25 and working with Anne Arundel County (AAC) on connecting the City's local  
26 cycling trail network with the ACC's more extensive regional bike network; and  
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28 **WHEREAS,** Current planning for the Project does not include a separated, protected shared-  
29 use path on the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Bridge, nor is the USNA Bridge  
30 currently included within the Project's scope; and  
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32 **WHEREAS,** The USNA Bridge is the main route between downtown Annapolis and the AAC's  
33 B&A Trail and is the only route from Greenbury Point to the Naval Academy  
34 Yard and the Naval Academy Stadium; and  
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36 **WHEREAS,** Several regional shared-use projects are underway, and the USNA Bridge is a  
37 disconnect in those projects:

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- 39 • On the east side of the USNA Bridge, AAC is working on a shared-use path from the B&A Trail-end on Boulders Way.

- 1                   • On the west side of the USNA Bridge, the City is planning a College  
2                   Creek Connector Trail to access Downtown Annapolis and the planned  
3                   Poplar Trail extension, West-East Express Trail (WEE, and the South  
4                   Shore Trail).
- 5                   • The West-East Express Trail goes to Odenton and connects to the WB&A  
6                   Trail to Washington D.C.; and  
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8 **WHEREAS,** The Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland State Highway  
9                   Administration (MDOT/SHA) own and maintain the USNA Bridge, and only they  
10                  can initiate and complete this Project; and  
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12 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Transportation Board (ATB) reviewed the issues and states in its  
13                  recommendation,

14                         "The current painted bike lanes on the shoulder of the Bridge lanes are  
15                         unprotected and unsafe. According to the National Traffic Safety Board,  
16                         the posted speed limit of 40 mph has a pedestrian collision fatality  
17                         probability of 85%, an unacceptable danger. A separated shared-use path  
18                         would greatly increase safety for everyone who uses the USNA Bridge,  
19                         from inexperienced and unskilled riders to the most expert.";

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that  
22                  the Council supports the following Annapolis Transportation Board recommendations for the  
23                  U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project (SUP):

- 24                  1. Include both the sidewalk and bike lanes in the shared-use path to make it a two-way bike  
25                  lane across the USNA Bridge, and expand the SUP bike lanes across College Creek  
26                  Bridge; and
- 27                  2. Extend the SUP West along Route 450 and add a new crosswalk North/South to limit the  
28                  number of crossings most riders will have to take from two (2) to one (1); and
- 29                  3. Modify the design for the shared-use path on the USNA Bridge to provide proper  
30                  protection for the high-speed limit on the Bridge.

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32 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the  
33                  City Manager submit this resolution to the Maryland Department of Transportation and  
34                  Maryland State Highway Administration (MDOT/SHA) and ensure state officials know of the  
35                  City's support of a shared-use path across the USNA Bridge.  
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37 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this  
38                  resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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**Explanation:**    ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.  
                          Underlining indicates a change to the City Code.  
                          Underlining & black - copyediting or reformatting of existing Code section  
                          Underlining & red - new matter added to the code.