

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors J. Russell Podzilni
and Sandra Kraft
INITIATED BY



Nick Osborne
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County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY

October 21, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

**CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
WISCONSIN TO RESTORE IN THE STATE 2015-17 BUDGET FULL FUNDING
OF THE I-39/90 EXPANSION PROJECT**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Governor Walker and the State Legislature have made the transportation system a high
- 2 priority; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the state highway system including the I-39/90 corridor is vital to the transportation system
- 5 at both a local and state level; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor is forecasted to increase in traffic levels by as much as 50 percent by
- 8 the year 2030; and
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, the corridor is designated as a federal truck route signifying the importance to operate
- 11 efficiently and safely; and
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor has a total traffic volume comprised of 35 percent heavy trucks
- 14 compared to other interstate segments in the state averaging between 14 and 20 percent of heavy truck
- 15 volume; and
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, without corrective action, all sections of the I-39/90 corridor are expected to operate at
- 18 unacceptable levels of service, meaning unstable traffic flow and stop-and-go conditions; and
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, the corridor was built in the early 1960s and has outdated design features operating at
- 21 substandard levels and with an aging infrastructure contributing to safety concerns; and
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- 23 **WHEREAS**, from 2008 to 2012, there were 1,920 vehicle crashes resulting in 543 injuries and 20
- 24 fatalities along the I-39-90 corridor; and
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- 26 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor has a 20 percent higher state average crash rate thus meeting
- 27 WisDOT's threshold for priority safety projects; and
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor project in the Rock County will help in the continued growth of the
- 30 county; and
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- 32 **WHEREAS**, the construction of the I-39/90 corridor project is important to Wisconsin, Rock County and
- 33 the municipalities of Rock County because transportation is an essential and vital part of the economy;
- 34 and
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- 36 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 project corridor is pivotal to workforce development, providing a direct link to
- 37 crucial industrial and commercial employment to and from the city, county, and across state borders; and
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- 39 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor serves as a gateway for in-state and out-of-state travel and tourism to
- 40 Northern Wisconsin and regional destinations; and
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- 42 **WHEREAS**, the I-39/90 corridor is a gateway to the major cities of Madison, St. Paul, and Minneapolis;
- 43 and
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45 WHEREAS, without full funding of the I-39/90 corridor project, construction is expected to be delayed
46 by two or more years.
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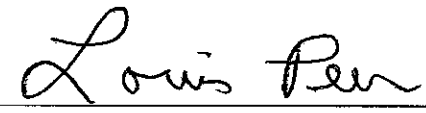
48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
49 this 2nd day of November, 2015, hereby urges the Governor and the Legislature of the State of
50 Wisconsin to restore in the State 2015-17 budget full funding of the I-39/90 Expansion Project; and
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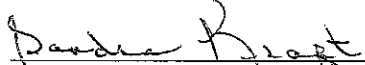
52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to
53 Rock County's State of Wisconsin Elected Delegation and the Governor's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE


Russ Podzilni, Chair

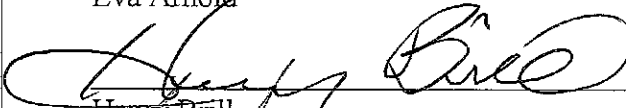

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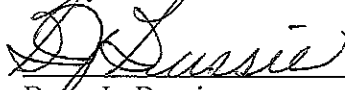

Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

Absent
Alan Sweeney


Eva Arnold


Terry Thomas


Henry Brill


Betty Jo Bussie

Absent
Mary Mawhinney

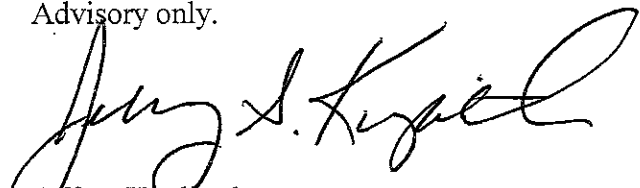
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and of itself.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.


Jeffrey Kughitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator