

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2018-2020

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECONSIDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CTH B INTERCHANGE

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has been evaluating the future improvement needs of the CTH B and I-39 interchange since 2006 due to operational issues, geometric deficiencies, and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, this planning effort included over 15 meetings with local officials, businesses, and property owners to obtain input on various interchange improvement concepts; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has already spent approximately \$1.1 million in the interchange study which resulted in a recommendation in 2016 to reconstruct the interchange; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation notified local government officials that the interchange reconstruction was canceled, and the project scope was significantly reduced to only include rehabilitation of the bridge, concrete joint repairs, and limited traffic signal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the CTH B interchange is a vital transportation link for Portage County, the Village of Plover, and other local communities as it has the highest traffic count of any county highway in Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rehabilitation improvements do not address the geometric deficiencies, safety concerns, and operational issues; and

WHEREAS, these safety and operational issues continue to be concerns for local governmental officials for the safety of Portage County residents and all of the traveling public in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has already spent over \$1 million on the reconstruction study which resulted in a recommendation presented to the public to reconstruct the interchange as a Diverging Diamond Interchange which would address these concerns.

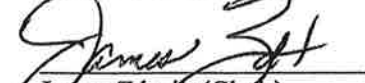
FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require any additional appropriation to the 2019 Portage County budget.

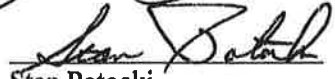
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Portage County Board of Supervisors urges the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to reconsider the full reconstruction of the CTH B interchange to address all geometric deficiencies, safety concerns, and operational issues for this vital transportation link. Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, Federal Legislators, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, and to Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson.

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
PORTAGE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

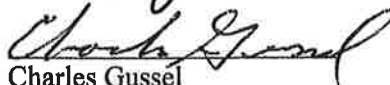
Date: October 8, 2019

  
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