January 11, 2017

Wisconsin Counties Association  
22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 900  
Madison, WI 53703

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the following Walworth County resolution:

Resolution No. 47-01/17 – Supporting the Completion of the Environmental Impact Study for the USH 12 Extension Project and Urging the State of Wisconsin that this Project Be Included in the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors requested that this resolution be forwarded to your office at their January 10, 2017 County Board meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Kimberly S. Bushey  
Walworth County Clerk

KSB/ps

Enclosures
Resolution No. 47 - 01/17
Supporting the Completion of the Environmental Impact Study for the USH 12 Extension Project and Urging the State of Wisconsin that this Project Be Included in the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020

Moved/Sponsored by: Public Works Committee

WHEREAS, the preliminary draft of the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020 (“Transportation Plan”) indicates that the environmental impact study for the extension of USH 12 between Elkhorn and Whitewater (“Highway 12 Project”) was removed from the plan; and;

WHEREAS, the Highway 12 Project was removed from the Transportation Plan because the Department of Transportation (DOT) determined not to pursue the design and construction of the project within the next five years; and;

WHEREAS, the extension of USH 12 remains in the Vision 2050 plan and is recommended in the Walworth County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Whitewater’s business/technology park has been designated as a site that is “shovel-ready” for development; however, the most important feature of attracting businesses is transportation accessibility; and,

WHEREAS, without the extension of USH 12 from Elkhorn and Whitewater, the City of Whitewater is cut off from major arteries; and,

WHEREAS, traffic counts and forecasts indicate that future additional capacity is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the completion of the Environmental Impact Study for the USH 12 Extension Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to include the USH 12 Extension Program between Elkhorn and Whitewater to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor and Secretary of Transportation as well as assembly members and senators representing Walworth County.

Nancy Russell
County Board Chair

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk
County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2017

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote Other ___

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached. Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

Nicole Anderson Date
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: Noes: Absent:
Date January 10, 2017
Policy and Fiscal Note
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I. Title: Supporting the Completion of the Environmental Impact Study for the USH 12 Extension Project and Urging the State of Wisconsin that this Project Be Included in the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020

II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement: The purpose of this resolution is to support the completion of the environmental impact study for the USH 12 Extension Project and urging the State of Wisconsin that this project be included in the Transportation Improvement Program for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020.

III. Budget and Fiscal Impact: Passage of this resolution will have no impact on the County budget.

IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:

Committee: Public Works Committee
Meeting Date: December 12, 2016
Vote: 3-0
County Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2017

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

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County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

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