

Motion to Adopt By: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: 2025-02-01

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Urging WisDOT to Maintain Traffic on WI Hwy 35**

| Dist. | Supervisor    | Y                        | N                        | A                        |
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WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Great River Road (WI Hwy 35) stretches more than 250 miles along the western portion of Wisconsin, traveling through 33 historic river towns, including the Village of Trempealeau; and

WHEREAS, visitors driving the Great River Road in Trempealeau County contributed significantly to an estimated \$41.4 million in direct visitor spending in the county in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is considering replacement of two bridges over the Black River and one over Tank Creek along WI Hwy 35 between Holmen and Trempealeau in 2027, and WisDOT's preferred alternative is to construct these new bridges with a full closure of the highway for a period of 14-16 months; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT's preferred alternative would detour traffic around the Village of Trempealeau, resulting in significant and costly delays in travel times and emergency responses, and potentially significant lost revenues to businesses who depend on travelers using the Wisconsin Great River Road (WI Hwy 35); and

WHEREAS, WisDOT has considered alternatives that would allow a substantial portion of the proposed work to be done while maintaining traffic on the stretch of WI Hwy 35 between Holmen and Trempealeau, thus allowing visitors easier access to Trempealeau, and quicker emergency response times;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board urges WisDOT to consider the significant impacts the proposed "full closure" of WI Hwy 35 would have in terms of lost business, increased travel times, and increased emergency response times, and further urges WisDOT to construct these bridges in a manner that maintains traffic on this stretch to the fullest extent possible during construction.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted

Defeated

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 )s.s.  
CO. OF TREMPLEALEU )

I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Martin, County Clerk

Introduced by: Parks, Tourism & Economic Development

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Renee Lyon \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Whalen \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Adams \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Anderson \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Galasinski \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Pietrek \_\_\_\_\_

Buzz Sorge

Committee Approval Date: 02/04/2025

Committee Vote: 5-0

Resolution Drafted by: Dave Carlson

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: Yes

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) There will be no fiscal impact to the county in adopting this resolution. WisDOT's plans for an extended full-closure of WI Hwy 35 could have significant economic impacts to Trempealeau County.

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