

**RESOLUTION URGING THE ENUMERATION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 151 BETWEEN
DODGEVILLE AND BELMONT, WISCONSIN FOR CONSTRUCTION
TO A FOUR-LANE EXPRESSWAY FACILITY**

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 151 between Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa is an important segment of the state's highway system and is vitally important to transportation efficiency, economic development and employment opportunities in a large portion of the state; and

WHEREAS, because of its importance to the State of Wisconsin, U.S. Highway 151 is included on the Wisconsin Corridors 2020 system as a four-lane backbone facility; and

WHEREAS, the segment of U.S. Highway 151 between Madison, Wisconsin and Dubuque, Iowa is of particular importance to the residents of southwestern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 151 is currently a four-lane facility between Madison and Dodgeville, with the exception of the Verona bypass, and between Dubuque and Sandy Hook; and

WHEREAS, the Dickeyville to Sandy Hook and Verona bypass segments of this route are under construction and scheduled for completion in 1994 and 1995, respectively; and

WHEREAS, since early 1992 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation with the assistance of Rust Environment & Infrastructure, and in cooperation with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the communities along the corridor has been studying alternative routes for a proposed four-lane U.S. Highway 151 between Dodgeville and Belmont, and has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement detailing a preferred route for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the communities, townships and citizens along the route is in support of the preferred corridor, as currently identified; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Transportation Projects Commission, created by the Legislature to seek greater public participation in the selection of major highway projects, will be holding public hearings later this summer to hear testimony on candidate projects.

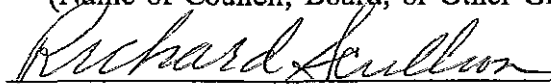
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors
_____ hereby:

- 1) Urges the completion of the entire U.S. 151 corridor between Dubuque, Iowa and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to a four-lane expressway at the earliest possible date.
- 2) Endorses the U.S. Highway 151 project between Dodgeville and Belmont as designed in the Draft EIS and encourages the Wisconsin Major Projects Commission to enumerate this project immediately and to expedite construction.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1994.

Iowa County Board of Supervisors

(Name of Council, Board, or Other Group)



Signature