

RESOLUTION [#] 2016-02

SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN AREA
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)
DETAILED STUDY ALTERNATIVE ____

(NEW FOX RIVER BRIDGE, CONNECTING ARTERIAL STREET SYSTEM, AND
_____ AT
_____ ROAD - _____ ROAD)

WHEREAS, the 1996 Brown County Year 2020 Land Use and Transportation Plan stated that existing and projected demand for east-west travel in the southern portion of the Green Bay Metropolitan Area should be accommodated in two phases as the area develops over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the first phase involved replacing the deteriorating two-lane Claude Allouez Bridge (State Highway 32) in downtown De Pere with a four-lane bridge at nearly the same location, and this project was completed in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the expanded Claude Allouez Bridge was expected to provide enough additional capacity to handle traffic volumes until the second phase can be implemented, which is the construction of a new Fox River bridge and connecting street system south of downtown De Pere; and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on the Claude Allouez Bridge increased significantly after the bridge was expanded in 2008, and forecasts by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have indicated that volumes on the bridge and connecting state highways will continue to rise as development occurs; and

WHEREAS, a new "Southern Bridge" and connecting arterial street system south of downtown De Pere will help to minimize traffic congestion and allow the state and its local partners to avoid the high cost of expanding the recently reconstructed Claude Allouez Bridge as well as State Highway 32/57 south of downtown De Pere; and

WHEREAS, a new Southern Bridge and connecting arterial street system south of downtown De Pere will enhance economic development efforts by significantly reducing shipping costs and helping to attract and retain businesses and the talented people they employ; and

WHEREAS, a new Southern Bridge and connecting arterial street system will minimize congestion-related safety problems by allowing traffic to be distributed between two Fox River crossing locations instead of one; and

WHEREAS, the following three Southern Bridge Project alternatives are currently being studied:

Alternative 1: A new Fox River bridge and connecting arterial street system between Scheuring Road and Heritage Road;

Alternative 2: A new Fox River bridge, connecting arterial street system between Rockland Road and Red Maple/Southbridge Roads, and a new full-access interchange at Interstate 41;

Alternative 3: A new Fox River bridge, connecting arterial street system between Rockland Road and Red Maple/Southbridge Roads, and a new overpass at Interstate 41; and

WHEREAS, Brown County is currently working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and communities in the southern part of the metropolitan area to select a preferred project alternative and complete the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Interstate Access Justification Report (IAJR) for the Southern Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, the (City/Village/Town) of _____ supports Southern Bridge Project Alternative ___ because this alternative will minimize traffic congestion as the area grows, significantly enhance economic development efforts, and maximize safety on the transportation system. Alternative ___ is also the most compatible with the planning and development decisions made by the (city/village/town) over the last 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (City/Village/Town) of _____ strongly urges its state and federal legislators to ensure that the Southern Bridge Project remains a priority to WisDOT and FHWA to enable the EIS and IAJR to be approved and a Record of Decision (ROD) to be signed by or before the scheduled completion year of 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (City/Village/Town) of _____ also strongly urges its state and federal legislators to support the (city's/village's/town's) preferred Southern Bridge Project alternative and to work to obtain state and federal funding to develop the Southern Bridge Project.

Adopted by the (Common Council/Village Board/Town Board) of the (City/Village/Town) of _____, Wisconsin, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:
