

1 **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**
2 **JOINT WITH FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

3
4 Public Agency Center
5 West Bend, WI

July 6, 2005
8:30 a.m.

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7 Present for the Highway Committee: Thomas J. Sackett, Daniel R. Goetz, John B. Kohl, Mark T. McCune, and
8 Maurice Strupp.

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10 Present for the Finance Committee: James B. Esselmann, Peter L. Gonnering, and Thomas S. Smith. Excused:
11 Donald H. Roskopf, and Joan A. Russell.

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13 Present for the Executive Committee: Kenneth F. Miller, James E. Spindler, Daniel W. Stoffel, and Paul A.
14 Tuchscherer. Excused: Herbert J. Tennies.

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16 Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, Finance Director Susan Haag, County Clerk Brenda
17 Jaszewski, County Attorney Kimberly Nass, Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch, Assistant Highway
18 Commissioner Barbara Villwock, Sheriff Brian Rahn, Supervisors Paul J. Beistle, Lawrence S. Hoffman, John
19 W. Stern, Charlene S. Brady, Donald J. Berchem, Ralph R. Hensel, and City of Hartford Mayor Scott Henke.

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21 Chairperson Esselmann called the Finance Committee to order and read the Affidavit of Posting. Chairpersons
22 Miller and Sackett called the Executive Committee, and Highway Committee to order.

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24 **REVIEW OF EAST-WEST CORRIDOR STUDY**

25 Appearance: Greg Curtis, Project Manager with Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik, and Associates,
26 Kenneth Yunker, Deputy Director with SEWRPC, Robert Anderson, Thomas Longtin, and Aileen Switzer, with
27 State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation.

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29 Mr. Pesch stated that on July 6, 2005, the Highway Committee approved 2005 Resolution 19, recommending the
30 Northern Alternate Route for the east-west arterial highway corridor between Dodge County and US Hwy 41.
31 This Resolution authorizes the release of \$1,000,000 of encumbered 2005 Highway Capital Improvement Plan
32 sales tax funds for further study and development of the selected northern route. Upon request, Mr. Pesch read
33 the Resolution in its entirety.

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35 Mr. McCune stated that the Highway Committee has previously met with the Dodge County Highway
36 Committee to discuss this issue. It was noted that Washington County has no jurisdiction over the portion of the
37 route that would be located in Dodge County.

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39 Mr. Yunker stated that at the request of Washington County, approximately 2,000 surveys were distributed to
40 individuals that were stopped at the intersection of Hwy 60 and CTH K over a 12-hour period, to help identify
41 origins and destinations of Hwy 60 traffic. Approximately 600 surveys were returned and the results were
42 submitted to the Highway Committee. Mr. Yunker stated the survey showed that there was no obvious pattern
43 to indicate a preference for either a northern or southern route.

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45 Mr. Pesch stated that Washington County would be applying for Federal aid on this project and it would be eight
46 to ten years before construction would begin. The current allocation of Federal aid to Washington County is
47 approximately \$750,000 bi-annually for the rural Surface Transportation Program (STP) and approximately
48 \$250,000 bi-annually for urban STP. Mr. Pesch anticipates using these funds to offset the cost of the project, as
49 well as the Highway allocation of county sales tax revenue from the Capital Improvement Plan.

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51 Mr. Miller questioned if the Highway Committee considered forming TIF districts along the area, or requested
52 developers along the area to help provide funding for this project. Mr. Sackett stated that to his knowledge, no
53 impact fees or TIF districts have been established on a county or regional level for the construction of any state
54 or county road.

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56 Mr. Anderson stated that current analysis for Highway 60 shows that traffic is operating at an acceptable level of
57 service, with the exception of the intersection of Hwy 60 and Hwy 83, located in the City of Hartford. Any
58 request for improvements to this intersection would need to be brought forward by the City of Hartford, not the
59 County, because it is a connecting highway. As of today, Mr. Anderson has not received a request from the City
60 of Hartford to improve this intersection. In a 2004 study, it was shown that the west side of the City of Hartford
61 has approximately 10,000 vehicles per day traveling on Hwy 60, and the east side has approximately 23,000
62 vehicles per day. Mr. Pesch stated that the Highway Department receives an update every three years from the
63 Department of Transportation on Hwy 60 traffic levels, and the last report shows a 10% increase in traffic over a
64 three-year period. Mr. Yunker stated that the Commission has worked with Washington County and each local
65 unit of government to prepare a county jurisdictional system highway plan. This plan looks at future needs and
66 recognizes that future growth will require a grid of arterials, not just one single arterial.

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68 Mr. Pesch indicated the \$1,000,000 that is being requested to be released would not be needed until Phase II of
69 the study is underway, which is anticipated to take approximately two years. Phase I of the study has been
70 completed by Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik, and Associates, at a cost of \$110,000. A total of \$275,000 has been

1 allocated for Phase II of the study, which has not yet begun. The Highway Committee does not want to proceed
2 with Phase II unless there is a commitment by Washington County to proceed with this project. Mr. Pesch
3 estimates the total cost of the project to be approximately \$10,000,000, with the expectation that 80% of that
4 amount would be paid by Federal highway funds. Mr. Miller indicated that it is his understanding that the City
5 of Hartford has pledged \$1,000,000 toward this project.

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7 For the Finance Committee, moved by Mr. Gonnering, seconded by Mr. Smith to forward 2005 Resolution 19 –
8 East West Corridor Study – Approval of County Highway Alignment – Northern Alternate Route to the County
9 Board with no recommendation. Motion carried.

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11 For the Executive Committee, moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to forward 2005 Resolution
12 19 – East West Corridor Study – Approval of County Highway Alignment – Northern Alternate Route to the
13 County Board with no recommendation. Motion carried.

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15 **ADJOURNMENT OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

16 Moved by Mr. Kohl, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the Highway Committee at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk