

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE

RESOLUTION, SERIES OF TBR-31-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AUTHORIZING A PETITION TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS FOR A NEW AT-GRADE CROSSING ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF W. EVERGREEN DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Chute has been evaluating options for a street connection that will complete the missing link in the east-west I-41 frontage road system to improve connectivity and public safety. Current options for surface streets that cross the Wisconsin Central Limited railroad line are CTH JJ/ W. Edgewood Drive to the north and W. Capitol Drive to the south, resulting in a 1.5 mile span that does not have an east-west connection over the railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, this significant barrier limits connectivity and increases response times for emergency services east of the Town Hall, particularly the Richmond-Evergreen commercial corridor. Emergency service calls in this corridor have increased with recent commercial development and will continue to increase with additional development; and

WHEREAS, an extension of W. Evergreen Drive, including a new at-grade railroad crossing, that connects W. Evergreen Drive to W. Grand Chute Boulevard, would drastically decrease response times for emergency services in areas east of the Town Hall. The decreased response time would positively impact public safety and help preserve private property; and

WHEREAS, the new street connection would increase economic development opportunities in the surrounding area and offer greater mobility for Grand Chute residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 195.29 Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to determine whether the establishment of the crossing is necessary to promote public safety and convenience and is advisable, to determine the necessary warning devices for the new crossing, and to apportion all costs for the new crossing, including the costs of any warning devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Supervisors for the Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, directs Town staff to take all necessary actions to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads for approval of a new at-grade street crossing of the Wisconsin Central Limited railroad line associated with the extension of W. Evergreen Drive in Grand Chute, Wisconsin.

Approved and adopted this 9 day of August, 2018.

Number Vote For 5
Number Voted Against 0

Town of Grand Chute



David A. Schowalter
Town Chairman



Karen L. Weinschrott
Town Clerk