

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN)
RESOLUTION 39 - SERIES OF 2018

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEGIN THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND EXPANSION OF INTERSTATE 41 (I-41) TO SIX LANES BETWEEN THE FOX CITIES AND GREEN BAY METROPOLITAN AREAS

WHEREAS, in the 1960's US-41 was constructed in its current location as a four-lane divided highway between Appleton and DePere and in the 1970's US-41 in the Appleton area attained freeway status with the removal of all intersecting crossroads.

WHEREAS, in 1992 US-41 between Breezewood Ln and CTH OO/STH 15 was upgraded to six lanes and in 2015 US-41 attained official Interstate status in Wisconsin and the speed limit in the Fox Cities area was increased to 70 mph. In 2015/16 Interstate 41 from DePere to Howard was upgraded to six lanes.

WHEREAS, the current four lane 23 mile segment between CTH OO/STH 15 and Scheuring Rd creates a bottleneck between two six lane segments.

WHEREAS, I-41 is outdated and doesn't meet current design standards for the volumes of traffic and a 70 mph speed limit and average daily traffic in 2015 was 55,600 per day and 63,000 in 2016, which is a yearly increase of 11.7%.

WHEREAS, there are a high number of crashes that occur daily, which causes significant injuries, fatalities, delays, costly vehicle damage, infrastructure damage, costly and dangerous clean-up activities for emergency, state, county and municipal staff.

WHEREAS, I-41 is designated on the national Primary Freight Network due to the sheer number of trucks that transport products into and out of the region. I-41 is a crucial commuter route for the much needed Northeast Wisconsin workforce, as well as promoting tourism in the area.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has recognized that the existing facility is failing and have plans to spend \$1 million in 2018 to 2021 to design for improvements to five interchanges and \$3 million to design surface improvements. It is important to note that construction funding for these design projects has not yet been scheduled.

WHEREAS, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fox Cities Urbanized Area and has had the expansion of Interstate 41 recommendation in the required and adopted MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. ECWRPC Transportation Committee has adopted a resolution on July 27, 2018 with the same recommendation described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Grand Chute does request the Wisconsin Department of Transportation plan, design and expand Interstate 41 to 6-lanes between WIS 15 in Outagamie County and Scheuring Road in Brown County as soon as possible., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grand Chute Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, WisDOT Secretary of Transportation David Ross, Outagamie County Highway Commissioner and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature.

Date introduced, approved and adopted: December 18, 2018

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE:

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