

1 2017 RES-366
2 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE
3 NORTH MENDOTA TRAIL
4

5 An off-road bicycle and pedestrian trail (the North Mendota Trail) along County Highway
6 M is a long-desired recreational and transportation amenity. Dane County, along with
7 the Town of Westport, Village of Waunakee and City of Middleton are working to
8 complete various segments of the North Mendota Trail, which will eventually have links
9 to Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Mendota County Park, Schumacher Farm County
10 Park and Governor Nelson State Park.

11
12 The Land & Water Resources Department has recently negotiated the acquisition of a
13 multi-use conservation and trail easement over approximately 3.5 acres of a larger 40-
14 acre parcel in the Town of Westport. The easement will result in a nearly ¼ mile stretch
15 of trail connecting directly to Governor Nelson State Park via an existing underpass at
16 County Highway M. Located in an area of intense development, this purchase will
17 secure a crucial trail corridor linkage along County Highway M. The purchase requires
18 that the seller provide site grading to the appropriate slope for multi-use trail
19 development.
20

21 The purchase price for the approximately 3.5 acre trail easement and site grading has
22 been established at \$100,000. Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation
23 Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.
24

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and
26 the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a conservation and trail
27 easement from Robert Davis or assigns for \$100,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter
28 27.03(3); and
29

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and County Executive are
31 hereby authorized to execute the described easement and related documents on behalf
32 of Dane County; and
33

34 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Deputy Director, Real
35 Estate Coordinator, or Acquisition and Planning Specialist are authorized to administer
36 the closing and the transfer of the property interest to Dane County and the Controller is
37 authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.