

1 2014 RES-571
2 INDICATING COUNTY BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR A
3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR THE NORTH MENDOTA PARKWAY
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5 The Dane County Board of Supervisors has considered the need for a high mobility corridor
6 around the north side of Lake Mendota for many years. Following studies early in the century,
7 in 2010 the County Board approved Res. 313, 09-10 Endorsing Findings of the Environmental
8 and Transportation Study of the North Mendota Parkway and Resource Protection Corridor,
9 which urged municipalities with the authority to do so to officially map the East Corridor Area
10 and requested the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to assist with design and
11 location assistance for the West Corridor Area so that a route is chosen that minimizes
12 agricultural, wetland, and residential impacts. In 2012, the County Board approved Res. 32, 12-
13 13 Relating to the North Mendota Parkway, which put the Board on record opposing four lanes
14 on Main Street in Waunakee, and supporting an update of the 2003 traffic study, as well as an
15 implementation review of the North E-Way of environmental corridors and trails.
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17 The need to address transportation concerns continues and the communities on the north shore
18 of Lake Mendota are currently requesting that the State of Wisconsin budget \$450,000 (90%
19 WisDOT / 10% local match) to complete a Needs Assessment Study for the North Mendota
20 Parkway from I39/90 to US-HWY 12. The request is that WisDOT, in cooperation with the
21 Federal Highway Administration undertake a comprehensive study to review and analyze
22 transportation needs along the North Mendota Parkway corridor as adopted by the County
23 Board in 2010. The Needs Assessment is intended to compile, update and organize data that
24 was completed in previous or ongoing studies.
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26 The specific goals of the Needs Assessment are:

- 27 1. Compile and update existing facilities and environmental resources.
- 28 2. Update and/or collect additional information to analyze data on crash history, land use,
29 and traffic volumes.
- 30 3. Identify and involve affected communities.
- 31 4. Identify and involve affected governments and agencies.
- 32 5. Complete an analysis of needs, including transportation and economic needs.
- 33 6. Develop and evaluate alternatives.
- 34 7. Complete preliminary engineering to sufficiently understand approximate right of way
35 needs.
- 36 8. Complete an impact assessment of the alternatives.
- 37 9. Articulate and outline the next steps that may include an Environmental Impact
38 Statement or National Environmental Policy Act document.
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40 In support of this effort, Dane County should provide the local match for the Needs Assessment
41 Study.
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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors joins
44 communities on the north shore of Lake Mendota in requesting that the State of Wisconsin
45 budget \$450,000 to complete a Needs Assessment Study for the North Mendota Parkway from
46 I39/90 to US-HWY 12.
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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board hereby indicates its support for inclusion
49 of \$50,000 in the 2016 Dane County capital budget to provide the 10 percent local match
50 required by the \$500,000 project.
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52 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to state senators Scott
53 Fitzgerald, Luther Olsen, and Jon Erpenbach; state representatives Keith Ripp, John Jagler,
54 Dianne Hesselbein, and Melissa Sargent; WisDOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb, the mayors of the
55 cities of Madison and Middleton, the village presidents of Waunakee and DeForest, and the
56 town chairs of Springfield, Windsor, and Westport.