

RESOLUTION 2014-31
SUPPORTING A FAIR ALLOCATION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND

WHEREAS, a high quality, safe, and efficient local transportation network is key to a thriving economy, essential to the efficient movement of local goods and services, an important link to Wisconsin's state highway system, and a lifeline for individuals who cannot or choose not to drive; and,

WHEREAS, 90% of the roads in Wisconsin are local roads but receive only about 30% of the state's segregated transportation fund revenues; and,

WHEREAS, all modes of transportation are important for a comprehensive and connected transportation network and need to remain in the segregated fund; and,

WHEREAS, increasing the use of general fund revenues for transportation purposes hurts communities by decreasing state revenue sharing funds available for other essential programs such as police and fire protection as well as potentially leaving municipalities without the revenues needed to comply with state-mandated programs such as recycling and water quality initiatives, and;

WHEREAS, local transportation needs depend on the size, location, and geography of a local community, and many people in Wisconsin rely on transit to get to work, school, medical appointments and more; and,

WHEREAS, reliable transportation options are an essential component of integrated, connected communities, and;

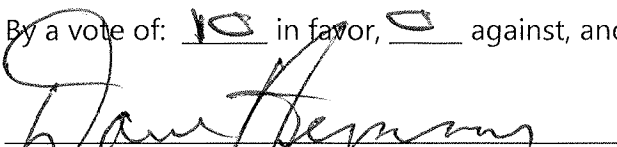
WHEREAS, state support for transit operations is significantly below historical levels and communities have no state authorized tools such as Regional Transit Authorities to plan and raise additional revenues for local transit needs; and,

WHEREAS, diminishing state reimbursements and support for local transportation costs result in deterioration of the local transportation network, increased economic and human costs of isolation and increased reliance on scarce local property tax revenues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prairie du Chien supports a fair allocation of the segregated Transportation Fund that better balances state funding support for local transportation needs and state highways.

Adopted this 15th day of July, 2014.

By a vote of: 10 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstain.



David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien



Aaron Kramer, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien