

2016 RES-631

AUTHORIZING EASEMENTS AND LAND EXCHANGE WITH CITY OF MADISON

Highway M / Pleasant View Road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2017-18. The project includes an underpass that will provide a safe crossing for bicycles and pedestrians as well as for the Ice Age Trail. The underpass has been a long-desired amenity by the County, City of Madison, and the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

This highway project is being coordinated by the City of Madison. As part of the project, both temporary and permanent easements will be required on County lands adjacent to both Highway M and Raymond Road during construction and for long-term maintenance of affected bicycle/pedestrian trails. In addition, less than an acre of County land is required for permanent road right-of-way for highway expansion that will be replaced by comparable lands nearby to add to the County Parks system. Staff from Dane County, the Ice Age Trail Alliance, the DNR and the City of Madison have worked cooperatively to approve a design for the underpass zone and to identify appropriate replacement land for acreage needed for permanent highway right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County does hereby approve and authorize the above-described temporary and permanent easements to the City of Madison, and the exchange of fee lands associated with the highway project, subject to approval by the WI Department of Natural Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the described easements and deed to the City of Madison, and related documents on behalf of Dane County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dane County is authorized to accept a deed for replacement lands equivalent in value to the County lands being taken for additional highway right-of-way.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Deputy Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closings.