

**AUTHORIZING LAND, PERMANENT LIMITED EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY
LIMITED EASEMENT SALE AT BABCOCK COUNTY PARK TO
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WI DOT) is planning a reconstruction on US Highway 51, in the Village of McFarland and Town of Dunn, from Exchange Street to Larson Beach Road. The project will address increased travel demands, existing pavement conditions and safety concerns, and will include new sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks that meet ADA standards for cyclists and pedestrians. WI DOT will reconstruct the Yahara River bridge which will include a pedestrian underpass to Babcock Park.

In order to complete the project, WI DOT needs to acquire approximately .4 acres of land in fee title for road expansion. In addition, WI DOT is requesting approximately .37 acres of permanent limited easement for installation of a retaining wall of the west side of the highway and approximately 2.92 acres of temporary limited easement for construction purposes including grading.

WI DOT has offered compensation in the amount of \$44,902 for the land and easements. Dane County Parks negotiated an additional \$45,898 in compensation for site improvements, fencing, landscaping, trees and signage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the conveyance of land and easements to WI DOT for \$90,800 and other consideration as described above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the 2026 Dane County Budget shall be amended by increasing revenue line LEWSLUNY NEW "DOT 5845-16-26 US Hwy 51" by \$90,800 and by increasing expenditure line LEWSLUNY 58036 Park Improvement Projects by \$90,800 and that these funds shall carry forward until expended;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the easements on behalf of the County of Dane and that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Director or Real Estate Coordinator is authorized to administer the sale and conveyance of the above-mentioned easements to WI DOT.