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

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

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

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

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

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the 2026 Dane County Budget shall be amended by  
30 increasing revenue line LEWSLUNY NEW "DOT 5845-16-26 US Hwy 51" by \$90,800  
31 and by increasing expenditure line LEWSLUNY 58036 Park Improvement Projects by  
32 \$90,800 and that these funds shall carry forward until expended;

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