

Resolution No. 25-15

Resolution in Support of Sustainable Solution for Wisconsin Transportation System

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads, city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to a report commissioned by the Local Government Institute (LGI), the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country, and

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades, adversely affecting local transportation finances with municipal transportation spending declining from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012 and with only two states increasing local transportation spending less than in Wisconsin during 2000-2011; and

WHEREAS, statutory levy limits prohibit local governments from making up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on bonding eats away at the state's segregated funding sources, the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees, and increasingly go to pay debt-service rather than fund local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin; and that local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when combining the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

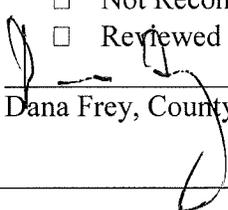
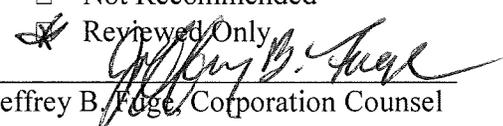
WHEREAS, the Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and Legislature, clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of both our state and local roads will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.

WHEREAS, that every month that state and local repairs are deferred increases the cost to the taxpayers.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of Supervisors urge the
 36 Governor and Legislature to agree upon a sustainable solution one that includes a responsible level of
 37 bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a
 39 copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	July 21, 2015
Submitted By: WILLIAM JOHNSON AND The Public Safety & Hwy Committee	<u>Will Johnson</u> see pg 3

Review By County Administrator: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fudge, Corporation Counsel
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Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on the 21th of July 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 25-15: Resolution In Support of Sustainable Solution for Wisconsin Transportation System, as follows:

- Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:

Will Johnson
 William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: Carole T. Wondra
 Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

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Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

Jay Kille

Larry Jepsen

William Bernhardt

William Johnson

Marvin Carpenter

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 25-15, that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on July 21, 2015.

Carole T. Wondra 7-22-15
Carole T. Wondra Date