



REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD

ITEM NAME:	Recommendations by Kowalski Interchange Ad-Hoc Committee
MEETING DATE:	November 25, 2024
PRESENTING COMMITTEE:	Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee
COMMITTEE CONTACT:	Ken Charneski
STAFF CONTACT:	Peter Wegner
PREPARED BY:	Ken Charneski

ISSUE: Current recommendations to the Village Board

OBJECTIVES: Ongoing efforts toward achieving a Hwy 39 interchange

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

The Committee met on November 14, and came away with two recommendations to the Village Board.

The **first motion** - Given the results of the local and national elections and the shift in the political climate, the first recommendation is for the Village Board to have the community development director, public works director and a civil engineer, meet with the regional representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and present ramp locations using the black ramps represented on the map (on the south-map is attached) after the new administration takes office. This would also serve to get a feel for the new administration's attitude toward projects like this. This would likely take place in March of 2025.

The **second motion** was to recommend the Village Board to approve regular representation at the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Commission and the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee, and in turn, the representatives would report, probably via email, to the Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee and the Village Board.

ADVANTAGES: Continue to keep the door open to information and possible opportunities to make the interchange a reality.

DISADVANTAGES: None. Costs are minimal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: As the Board decides - direct staff in accordance with the recommendations, or not.

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):

Kowalski Road Interchange Map