

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

**RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS ALONG USH 18/151 CORRIDOR IN BETWEEN
DODGEVILLE AND VERONA IN IOWA COUNTY**

WHEREAS during the 1990's and early 2000's; the Wisconsin Department of Transportation completed the build-out of the USH 18-151 Backbone Corridor through Dane, Iowa, and Grant Counties to promote tourism and commerce in the state; AND

WHEREAS, the construction of the USH 18-151 Backbone Corridor bisected The Village of Ridgeway in half, north and south, in pre-dominantly an east to westerly direction; AND

WHEREAS, the construction of USH 18-151 through The Village of Ridgeway has resulted in one at grade intersection to the east at Hi-Point Road and one Diamond Intersection to the west at Ridgevue Road; AND

WHEREAS, the configuration of intersections has left the Village of Ridgeway without direct access to the Corridor; AND

WHEREAS, the Village relies on the Corridor for Emergency Services ingress and egress to the Village; AND

WHEREAS, the Village Residents are dependent on this Corridor for virtually all access outside of the Village; AND

WHEREAS, the Corridor is used as, and will continue to increase its use as, an Interstate Highway from Madison Wisconsin to Dubuque Iowa, despite its design; AND

WHEREAS, the Traffic in the Corridor has been and continues to increase for automobile and commercial transportation; AND

WHEREAS, the current traffic use and volume exceed the design intent; AND

WHEREAS, the increased traffic has created increased noise and safety concerns for our residents; AND

WHEREAS, the Villages emergency services have experienced increased usage responding to traffic incidents; AND

WHEREAS, the inability of State, County and Local agencies to control excessive speeding along the Corridor; AND

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to the safety and reasonable accommodation of rural tranquility and lifestyle expected by the Residents; AND

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to the expansion of Residential Housing, Commercial Development and Downtown Redevelopment; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Ridgeway Board of Trustees that the Village is in support of the renewed 2024 USH 18/151 Study which addresses community and system interconnectivity by allowing alternative path decision making for system users; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village does not support WisDOT's one by one isolated intersection improvement; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village is in favor of a comprehensive design that will allow for the safety of our Residents to Ingress and Egress the Corridor in a fashion congruous with Interstate Highway Designs; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village is in favor of a comprehensive design that will allow for Emergency Services to be dispatched from or be dispatched to the Village in the most efficient manner for life safety; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village is in favor of a comprehensive design that will minimize the bifurcation of the Village by the Corridor for the expansion of Utility Services for the Residents and Businesses in the Village; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village is in favor of a comprehensive design that will minimize the traffic noise from large vehicles with physical barriers and quiet zones.

The Village Board does also hereby order the Village Clerk's Office to forward a copy of this adopted Resolution to the following parties:

The Governor of the State of Wisconsin - Governor Tony Evers;

The Secretary of the Department of Transportation - Sec. Kristina Boardman;

The Senator of the State of Wisconsin's 17th District of the State Senate - Hon. Senator Howard L. Marklein;

The Representative of the State of Wisconsin's 51st Assembly District - Hon. Representative Todd D. Novak.

Adopted by the Village of Ridgeway Board of Trustees via action at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Bradley A. Butler
Village President

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Lori L. Phelan
Clerk/Treasurer