

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION No. 9-1125

**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 Iowa County in half north and south in pre-dominantly an east to westerly direction; AND

WHEREAS, the construction of USH 18-151 through the County has created multiple at grade intersections throughout the county bisecting all of the north and south direction town and county roads; AND

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation intends to and continues to utilize Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding to periodically update these intersections with R-Cut or J-Turn highway improvements in a one by one approach; AND

WHEREAS, the R-Cut or J-Turn median improvements reduce the opportunity for side impact accidents by redirecting multi driver decisional cross traffic movements to make a series of alternative driver single decision turning movements, those approaches address primarily USH 18-151 through traffic movement; AND

WHEREAS, the R-Cut or J-Turn type intersection designs function well for smaller car and pickup style vehicular movements the design and function are problematic for larger slower moving vehicles such as farm machinery and farm to market semi-truck traffic also making these same cross traffic movements; AND

WHEREAS, the construction of the USH 18-151 median corridor through Iowa County is narrow by today's standards with regards to the separation of the bi-directional traffic movement by a median which is substandard in width to adequately shield cross traffic attempting to make thru median movements; AND

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the County is in support of the construction of the various grade separation structures per the 2014 Limited Access Study and the renewed 2024 USH 18/151 Limited Access Study which addresses community and system inter-connectivity by allowing alternative path decision making for system users; AND

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County does not support WisDOT's one by one isolated HSIP intersection improvement approaches to address the issues with expanding traffic concerns and traffic volumes in the corridor as the resultant improvements discourage connectivity of the communities, impose hardship on the rural community agricultural traffic movements, and don't address the concerns of the rural traffic movements; AND

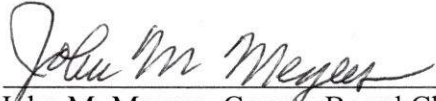
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the county is not in favor of closing off any further County or Town Road at grade intersection / median cross-over access connections due to the revised traffic movement impacts on agricultural Farm-to-Field and Field-to-Market traffic access; AND

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED WisDOT should minimize impacts with their designs, eliminate the one by one isolated changes to the local road network with closures, use a traffic flow approach to address the local road network movements along with safety improvements related to lighting, advance warning, turning, acceleration, and de-acceleration lanes, and to fund the rural road improvements with the build out of USH 18/151 Limited Access Study to maintain and create connectivity of rural local road network between the communities within the county.

The County Board does also hereby order the County 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.

Submitted on behalf of the Iowa County Public Works Committee via action at their meeting held on Monday October 27, 2025.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors on this 12th day of November 2025.


John M. Meyers, County Board Chair

ATTEST:


Megan Currie, County Clerk