

**VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
VILLAGE BOARD RESOLUTION 2019-23**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING DANE COUNTY ELIMINATE ITS POLICY ON
REQUIRING JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Highway Committee of the Dane County Board adopted a policy on jurisdictional transfer of county highways that said the county shall *consider* a transfer of ownership to a municipality whenever the county reconstructs a county highway within a city or village; and

WHEREAS, in practice, this policy has been implemented in a more uncompromising fashion, forgoing a reconstruction project when a municipality has refused the transfer of ownership; and

WHEREAS, taken to its logical end, such an approach would divest the County of all responsibility for county trunk highways (CTH) in cities and villages although residents living in cities and villages contribute between 80 to 90 percent of Dane County's levy and vehicle registration revenues; and

WHEREAS, in the 18 years since the county highway committee adopted its policy there have been fundamental changes to the laws governing local governments, most notably the implementation of strict levy limits and the updating of statutes governing larger counties; and

WHEREAS, all levels of local government are now operating under levy limits, although, the county also receives revenue from a half-cent sales tax and the recently-enacted vehicle registration fee; and

WHEREAS, local governments should be open to a discussion about adjusting lane miles to create a more efficient distribution of jurisdictional responsibility, but transfers of ownership should be the exception, based on criterion such as efficiency and transportation planning policy.

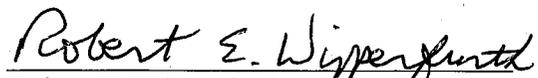
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Windsor that the Village of Windsor requests that Dane County suspend its practice of *requiring* cities and villages to take ownership of county highway as a precondition to any county highway reconstruction projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village requests that the County work cooperatively with municipalities to re-establish a logical county highway system; and

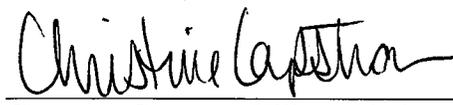
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village requests that the County join municipalities in a discussion of how to revise and update the county's highway policy and how it is implemented.

The above and forgoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Windsor, Dane County, Wisconsin, on the 4th day of April, 2019, by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Robert E. Wipperfurth, Village President

Attested by:


Christine Capstran, Village Clerk