

## Resolution of Support

WHEREAS rapid growth and development in Otsego County and Northern Michigan has led to increased traffic congestion on M-32 at I-75 in the City of Gaylord; and

WHEREAS several studies of the Gaylord/I-75 transportation corridor have been completed, recommendations developed, and project planning undertaken to begin to address the traffic congestion and its negative impact on the existing infrastructure, local economic development efforts, quality of life, environment, and safety; and

WHEREAS a group of local leaders in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation have been able to make substantial progress towards implementing the recommendations of these studies including coordinated land use planning, access management on all new development, construction of a new east-west crossing of I-75, and improvement of four of ten identified road segments; and

WHEREAS plans call for the construction of a second I-75 crossing, improvements to six additional road segments, access management improvements to an existing segment of West M-32, the reconfiguration of both M-32 in the Central Business District and South Otsego Avenue (Business Loop 75) to improve pedestrian and vehicular access, construction of traffic calming streetscape elements along the West M-32 Commercial District, and installation of a state of the art traffic signal light timing system to connect all lights in the corridor system; and

WHEREAS the economic conditions in the State of Michigan and Otsego County have made it increasingly difficult to secure funding at both the state and local levels to complete these projects in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Transportation is making available funding through the TIGER Discretionary Grant program to implement projects such as those being proposed and undertaken in Otsego County; and

WHEREAS in order to fully implement the planned long-term improvements to the overall transportation infrastructure serving the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor, create long-term economic benefits by supporting the retention, expansion and attraction of quality, high wage jobs and business enterprises, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Gaylord area, promoting a more environmentally sustainable transportation system, and increasing the safety of the traveling public in the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor, the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission are applying for funding from the TIGER Discretionary Grant program.

WHEREAS improvements to the transportation and pedestrian access infrastructure in the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor impacts the county-wide road system, economy, quality of life, environment and safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Charlton supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, Ivan H. Maschke, Clerk of the Township of Charlton, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on July 13, 2009 at the Charlton Township Hall, 10900 M-32 East, Johannesburg, Michigan.

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Ivan H. Maschke, Clerk