

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in Room 100 of the County Building, 225 W. Main St., Gaylord, Michigan on the 11th day of August 2009 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: BACKENSTOSE, BATES, BEACHNAU, BROWN, GLASSER, HYDE, JOHNSON, LISS.

ABSENT: HARKNESS

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: JOHNSON.

OCR 09-25

Resolution of Support

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

Otsego County Board of Commissioners

August 11, 2009

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- WHEREAS**, several studies of 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 (4) of ten (10) identified road segments; and
- WHEREAS**, plans call for the construction of a second I-75 crossing, improvements to six (6) 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 level 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, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: UNANIMOUS.

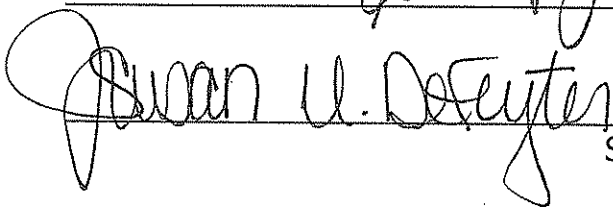
NO: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.



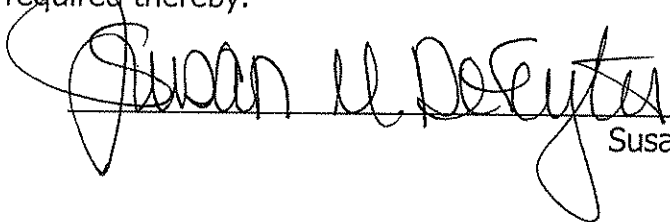
Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OTSEGO) ss.

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: 8/13, 2009

Resolution of Support

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

I, Shirley Hawn, Clerk of the Village of Vanderbilt, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on August 3, 2009 at the Vanderbilt Village Hall, 606 Garfield, Vanderbilt, Michigan.


Shirley Hawn, Clerk

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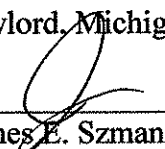
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bagley supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, James E. Szymanski, Clerk of Bagley Township, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution adopted on August 10, 2009 at the Bagley Township Hall, 2946 Old 27 South, Gaylord, Michigan.


James E. Szymanski, Clerk

Resolution of Support

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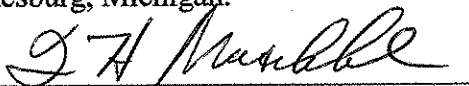
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Charlton supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

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.



Ivan H. Maschke, Clerk

CERTIFIED
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[Signature]

Resolution of Support

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

I, Melissa Szymanski, Clerk of the Township of Chester, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on August 11, 2009 at the Chester Township Hall, 1737 Big Lake Rd., Gaylord, Michigan.


Melissa Szymanski, Clerk

DATE 8-11-09

Resolution of Support

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

I, Debbie Whitman, Clerk of Corwith Township, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution adopted on August 5, 2009 at the Corwith Township Hall, 8170 Mill, Vanderbilt, Michigan.


Debbie Whitman, Clerk

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dover Township (name of government/organization) supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, Janet C Kwapis, Clerk of the Dover Township (name of government/organization), do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted July 8th, 2009 at the Dover Twp Hall (location), Margaret Rd (address), Gaylord (Post Office location), Michigan.

Becky Motioned to Support Resolution as read and written: Bob Second Motioned
Roll Call Vote: Janet: yes; Diane: yes; Tom: yes; Becky: yes; Bob: yes - 5 yeas
Motion Passes. 8 yeas

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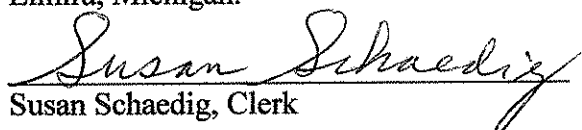
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Elmira supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, Susan Schaedig, Clerk of the Township of Elmira, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on July 9, 2009 at the Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mt. Jack Rd., Elmira, Michigan.


Susan Schaedig, Clerk

Resolution of Support
No. 2009-06

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

I, Richard Ross, Clerk of the Township of Hayes do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on July 14, 2009 at the Hayes Township Hall, 71 Hayes Tower Road, Gaylord, Michigan.


Richard Ross, Clerk

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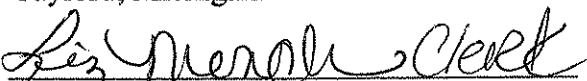
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Livingston supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, Liz Mench, Clerk of the Township of Livingston, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on August 24, 2009 at the Livingston Township Hall, 3218 Old 27 North, Gaylord, Michigan.


Liz Mench, Clerk

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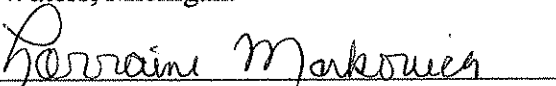
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Otsego Lake supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

I, Lorraine Markovich, Clerk of the Township of Otsego Lake, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted on July 14, 2009 at the Otsego Lake Township Hall, 10584 Old 27 South, Waters, Michigan.


Lorraine Markovich, Clerk