

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Duane Jorgenson, Public Works Director &
James Otterstein, Economic Development
Manager

DRAFTED BY

August 26, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR AN AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSING

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Milton has requested support in petitioning the Office of the
2 Commissioner of Railroads for an investigation into installing a rail crossing across CTH M in the
3 vicinity of Putnam Parkway; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the addition of the rail crossing is necessary to promote public safety and
6 convenience in facilitating the further development of an industrial area while mitigating the
7 amount of heavy traffic on nearby city streets and county highways; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Departments of Public Works and Planning and Development have
10 reviewed the proposed concept and will be involved in and have input in the location of the
11 proposed crossing; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Section 195.29 of Wisconsin State Statutes authorizes the Office of the
14 Commissioner of Railroads to determine the advisability of allowing a new crossing to be
15 established and manner of making it.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
18 assembled this 10th day of September, 2020 that the Rock County staff is hereby
19 directed to take all necessary steps to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to
20 determine the advisability of allowing a new crossing to be established and the manner in making
21 it.
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County staff shall comply with Chapter 195 of
24 Wisconsin State Statutes, and RR 1.025 of Wisconsin Administrative Code in the filing of the
25 petition.

Respectively submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Rick Richard, Chair

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Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact at this time.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ *Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ *Josh Smith*

Josh Smith
County Administrator

-EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-

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The City of Milton is currently investigating the potential to expand rail service to the eastern portion of their Crossroads Business Park. The potential rail extension is intended to extend from an existing rail spur located south of STH 59 and head in an easterly direction parallel to Putnam Parkway. The exact location is not known at this time, but a new crossing of CTH M would be needed.

Whenever a rail crossings are created or altered, a petition must be filed with the Office of Railroad Commission (ORC). This resolution would begin that petition process for the potential new crossing. The passing of this resolution does not obligate the County to move forward with the new crossing, but it is required by the ORC if the petition process is to move forward. In the event the rail extension plan does not move forward or is determined to not be necessary and the new crossing is not needed, the petition would not be officially filed and no further work would commence.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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