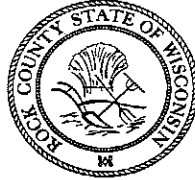


# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee and  
Planning & Development Committee  
INITIATED BY



Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

November 2, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

### RESPONSE TO THE CENSUS BUREAU

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR URBAN AREA CRITERIA

1 **WHEREAS**, the Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) is the Metropolitan Planning  
2 Organization (MPO) designated by the Governors of the States of Wisconsin and Illinois to  
3 administer the Comprehensive, Cooperative, and Continuing (3-C) Transportation Planning  
4 Program for the Beloit, Wisconsin-Illinois Urbanized Area; and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the SLATS Policy Committee has the responsibility for directing and administering  
7 the 3-C Planning Program in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the  
8 Illinois Department of Transportation; and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the planning process is being carried out in conformance with the rules and  
11 regulations of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for  
12 Users (SAFETEA-LU) as administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal  
13 Transit Administration; and,  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau on August 24, 2010 published a Notice of Proposed  
16 Rulemaking (NPRM) requesting comments on draft rules for Urban Area Criteria for the 2010  
17 Census; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the proposed procedures as outlined would likely result in the Beloit Urbanized Area  
20 being merged with the Rockford Urbanized Area and according to United States Department of  
21 Transportation (USDOT) rules and regulations, the Beloit Urbanized Area would then be classified  
22 as part of a Transportation Management Area (TMA) having a 200,000 population; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, in TMA's the USDOT significantly limits the use of Federal Transit Administration  
25 funds only to capital expenditures and funding would no longer be available for transit operating  
26 assistance; and,  
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28 **WHEREAS**, two transit systems in the Beloit Urbanized Area, being the Beloit Transit System in  
29 Beloit, Wisconsin and the Stateline Mass Transit System in Rockton, South Beloit, Roscoe, and  
30 Rockton Township in Illinois would likely have to significantly reduce service and might have to  
31 stop service altogether because of the proposed reduction in operating funds; and,  
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33 **WHEREAS**, this reduction would present a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of  
34 the citizens residing in the Beloit (WI-IL) Urbanized Area because they would lose their access to  
35 transit services and be restricted in their travel to jobs, health care, education, and shopping  
36 facilities; and,  
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38 **WHEREAS**, this reduction could also force a shift of funding source from the federal assistance to  
39 the local agencies operating the transit systems.  
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41 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors  
42 assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2010 calls for the Census Bureau in conjunction with  
43 USDOT to establish a Task Force to identify detrimental impacts that could result from the  
44 implementation of the proposed rule and develop solutions addressing the risks to local  
45 governments and citizens; and,

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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors further calls for  
47 delaying the implementation of the proposed criteria until safeguards can be implemented to assure  
48 the health, safety, and welfare of citizens that could be detrimentally affected; and,  
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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Census Bureau adopt the minimum 250,000 population  
51 threshold for splitting agglomerations of Urbanized Areas that the Census Bureau would merge;  
52 and,  
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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Census Bureau when splitting the proposed merged  
55 Rockford-Beloit agglomerated Urbanized Area split it along the boundary previously employed;  
56 and,  
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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the United States  
59 Census Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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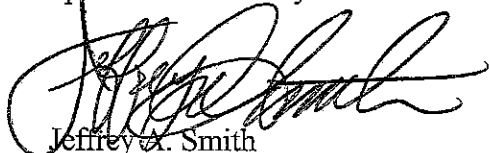
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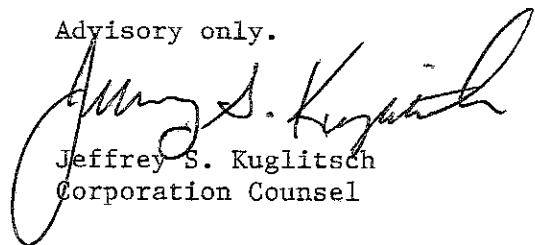
This resolution addresses a policy rulemaking issue and has no fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator