

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
INITIATED BY

Benjamin J. Coopman, Jr., P.E.  
SUBMITTED BY



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April 3, 2013  
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SUPPORTING A COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS ALONG PORTIONS OF COUNTY HIGHWAY G; AND DECLARING THAT NO PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATIONS BE PROVIDED ALONG OTHER PORTIONS OF COUNTY HIGHWAY G IN ROCK COUNTY

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has previously entered an intergovernmental agreement with the Wisconsin  
2 Department of Transportation for development and construction of CTH G from Huebbe Parkway to  
3 STH 11 (West); and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, no pedestrian accommodations currently exist along this roadway; and,  
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7 **WHEREAS**, sidewalks are proposed to be constructed along both sides of CTH G from Huebbe Parkway  
8 to the north side of Thomas Drive and along the west side of CTH G from the south boundary of the City  
9 of Janesville approximately 3,000 feet to STH 11; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, to complete the project, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requires a  
12 commitment in the future to extend pedestrian accommodations from these current south limits of the  
13 City of Janesville to Sunny Lane on the west side of the roadway; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requires a declaration that Rock County  
16 desires that no pedestrian accommodations be provided with these projects between Thomas Drive and  
17 STH 11 on the east side of the roadway, and between Thomas Drive and Sunny Lane on the west side of  
18 the roadway; and,  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the distance between buildings along both sides of CTH G between Thomas Drive and  
21 STH 11 is such that it meets the criteria for "absence of need" for pedestrian facilities in Wisconsin  
22 Administrative Code Trans 75; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, there are currently no pedestrian accommodations included within these limits as  
25 part of the CTH G improvement projects (Wisconsin Department of Transportation Project ID  
26 5966-00-00 and Project ID 5966-10-01).  
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
29 assembled this 11 day of April, 2013, that pedestrian accommodations will be installed  
30 along the west right-of-way of CTH G from Sunny Lane to the South Limits of the City of  
31 Janesville at such time as development occurs along this corridor and the Rock County Public  
32 Works Department will ensure installation of these facilities at that time; and,  
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Rock County desires that no pedestrian accommodations be  
35 provided between Thomas Drive and STH 11 on the east side of the roadway, and between Thomas  
36 Drive and Sunny Lane on the west side of the roadway; and,  
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution does not itself appropriate funding for future  
39 pedestrian accommodations and that funding will be the responsibility of the future development.

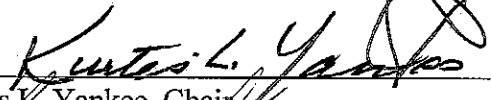
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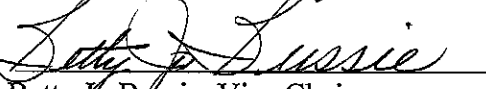
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Respectfully submitted,

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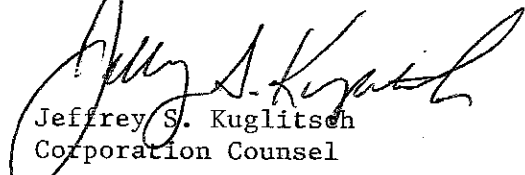
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution commits the County to requiring developers to add sidewalks to a portion of CTH G as development occurs. This resolution also requests an exemption from installing sidewalks on other portions of CTH G. This resolution has no fiscal impact for the County.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

  
Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

Design is progressing on the CTH G Mega Projects between Huebbe Parkway in Beloit to STH 11 (West) in Janesville. Federal and State funds are being received to pay for the construction of these projects. Federal and State Laws require that all new highway projects using their respective funds shall include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

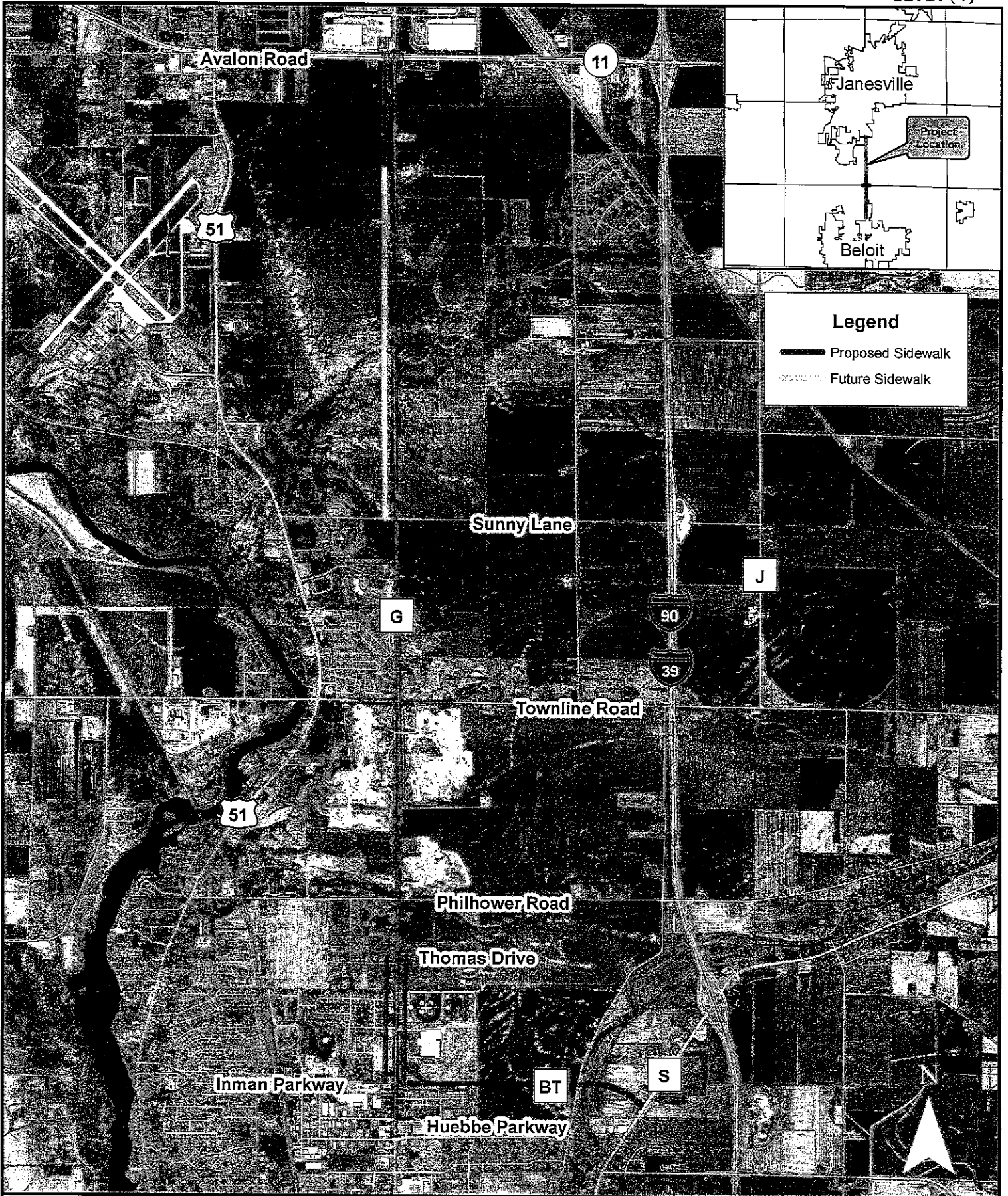
The State of Wisconsin Administrative Code, TRANS 75, outlines requirements for these bike and pedestrian accommodations. That code also offers several exclusions, if certain criteria are met. One of these exclusions is "absence of need." When one of these exclusions is granted, the State still maintains the authority to expect installation of accommodations in the future, if the criteria are no longer met.

Bicycle accommodations are being provided along the whole project and are not the subject of this resolution.

This resolution identifies areas where pedestrian accommodations are and are not needed. In some areas, there will be sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. Other sections will have sidewalk on only one side, east or west side. Still other sections will have no sidewalks at all.

The resolution makes the required commitment by the County to installing these omitted facilities in the future as development occurs. It is the County's intent that these future costs be borne by the adjoining land owners as development occurs. Further, the resolution asks for the exemptions on the basis of "absence of need."

A sketch showing the areas of pedestrian accommodation is attached herewith.



**County G Sidewalk  
Resolution Map**

