

Resolution No. 2-1016

Opposition to any Increases in or Efforts to Increase Tractor-Trailer Truck Size and Weight Limitations at the Federal Level.

WHEREAS, there is a proposal to increase the gross vehicle weight limit for trucks on Wisconsin Interstates to 92,000 pounds or more; and,

WHEREAS the results of a 2008 State of Wisconsin Cambridge Bridge study to evaluate all state and local bridges hauling capacities based on a 92,000 pound gross vehicle led to the load posting of 15 additional bridges within the county due to the new maximum load of 46 tons versus 40 tons; and,

WHEREAS, the state highway system and interstate system consist of 11,900 miles; the local system maintained by the Counties consists of 19,700 miles of roads and bridges; and,

WHEREAS, we know none of the starts or stops for these larger tractor-trailer configurations are on the Interstate system; and

WHEREAS, these trucks make deliveries which are far-reaching and they operate on routes which will not only be along the interstate system, but across many local jurisdictions and mileage as well; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of the system design and construction for the state road and bridge network has historically been founded on a design parameter of a 5-axle 80,000 pound truck; and,

WHEREAS, local governmental entities are struggling to maintain the current infrastructure due to stagnant state funding, state imposed levy limits, and rising construction and maintenance costs ; and,

WHEREAS, most local roads are maintained through preventative maintenance type projects in lieu of reconstruction or resurfacing projects; and,

WHEREAS, current replacement schedules for the infra-structure exceed twice its' design life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County, Wisconsin County Board does hereby oppose legislation which allows larger trucks or tractor-trailers to be allowed to be any longer or heavier; including a proposal to increase the gross vehicle weight limits for trucks on the Wisconsin Interstate system to 91,000 pounds or more;

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board encourages you; the Honorable Tammy Baldwin and Honorable Ron Johnson; to oppose any increases, or efforts to increase, or proposed legislation to increase tractor-trailer truck size and weight at the federal level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iowa County Transportation Committee action on 09-29-2016