RESOLUTION NO. 3-1298

WHEREAS, as part of the planned USH 151 four lane improvement project between Dodgeville and Belmont the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has indicated a willingness to purchase the needed right-of-way and to construct a pedestrian/bike trail between the communities of Dodgeville and Mineral Point, and

WHEREAS, WisDOT has indicated it is willing to provide 100 percent of funding needed to construct the trail and any bridge or underpass needed to cross the new highway, to fund the cost of paving the 5 foot shoulders along existing USH 151 between the Dodge Point Country Club and Mineral Point and to assume the responsibility of maintaining any bridge or underpass that crosses the highway on the condition that local municipalities assume the responsibility for maintaining and managing the trail, and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian/bike trail along the USH 151 corridor between Dodgeville and Mineral Point would be of great recreational and transportation benefit to Iowa County and the public, in general, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Dodgeville and Mineral Point have taken action agreeing to assume responsibility for that portion of the trail within their corporate limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, Iowa County, Wisconsin, that Iowa County hereby supports the construction of the pedestrian/bike trail/route between the communities of Dodgeville and Mineral Point along the USH 151 corridor, and that the county would agree to be responsible for the maintenance and management of the rural portion of the bike trail/route lying outside of the cities of Dodgeville and Mineral Point.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board Chairperson be authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to outline the maintenance and management responsibilities for the bike trail/route.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1998.

[Signatures]

Committee on Legislative, Resource Development and Tourism