

RESOLUTION NO. 4-0799

**Opposition to the Use of Transportation Funds to Pay for
Elements of the USH 12 (Middleton to Sauk City) Agreement**

WHEREAS, a number of federal, state and local interests have negotiated an agreement relative to USH 12 Construction between Middleton and Sauk City;

WHEREAS, The proposed conditions of the agreement imply that the improvement of USH 12 would be the sole cause of additional growth pressures in the Sauk City-Baraboo area including Baraboo Range National Natural Landmark area;

WHEREAS, based on that assumption, the agreement would require the expenditure of over \$12 million in transportation funds to purchase lands, scenic easements and study commuter rail in Dane County, thereby increasing the project cost from \$65 million to over \$77 million;

WHEREAS, the agreement does not provide to increase overall transportation funding to help pay for the negotiated non-transportation expenditure;

WHEREAS, if implemented as outlined, the USH 12 agreement would be likely to set a precedent for other transportation projects in Wisconsin for decades to come;

WHEREAS, funding non-transportation expenditures of this magnitude out of the transportation fund would seriously jeopardize needed transportation projects in virtually every element of the state transportation budget including those Wisconsin counties are heavily dependent upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS disagrees with the premise that transportation improvements are the sole cause of all future growth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS encourages good land use planning, as well as, the preservation of unique historic and natural resources and that opposition to this agreement is centered on the use of transportation funds as the sole or primary source of funding such non-transportation expenditures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS is in opposition to the expenditure of transportation funds to pay for non-transportation provisions of the USH 12 agreement or any similar assessments against future transportation improvements.