

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Chair)	Present	
James Mickelson	Chippewa County	District 8 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Absent	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	

Others Present: Brian Kelley, Randy Scholz, Chris Elstran, Fred Anderson, Joe Gutowski
Recorder: Tami Pieper

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were not any members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES: Sikorski, Mickelson, Hull, McMenamin
ABSENT: Shipman

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Highway Committee - Regular Meeting - Aug 25, 2021 8:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 27, 2021 8 AM

5. REPORTS

1. Highway Commissioner Report - Brian Kelley

a. Financial Report

Highway Commissioner Kelley gave reports on highway funds, county aid bridges, highway construction, and bridge construction (copies on file). Supervisor McMenamin asked for more information on the acquisition process of future gravel pits and Kelley provided.

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b. Repairs to CTH M in Village of New Auburn

Kelley provided an update on the CTH M utility project in the Village of New Auburn that was completed last year by the village's contractors. Several utility trenches backfilled by the contractor have settled, resulting in dips in the road. Contractors will be on site to mill off the asphalt surface in these areas and resurface with new asphalt.

c. State Patrol Superintendent Recruitment

The vacant State Patrol Superintendent position has been filled with an internal candidate, Joe Simon. Recruitment will now begin for the resulting vacant County Patrol Superintendent position.

d. Drainage Improvements to CTH M in Town of Lake Holcombe

Drainage work is planned to be completed yet this fall on CTH M in the Town of Lake Holcombe. Project materials have been received and bids are in progress for the Town's sewer lateral relocation work.

e. WCHA Fall Commissioners and Committee Members Meeting

Kelley reported that the fall meeting has been moved to a virtual format. Kelley will share meeting login information with the committee once it is available and will also provide a report on items discussed at the next committee meeting for anyone unable to attend.

2. Cobban Bridge Update - Fred Anderson

Project Manager Anderson provided an update on utility relocate work that is necessary for bridge construction and discussed associated costs.

3. Road and Bridge Construction Update - Chris Elstran

Deputy Highway Commissioner Elstran provided an update on Road and Bridge Construction. Road and bridge construction updates are located on the Chippewa County Highway Department webpage.

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/highway/construction-updates>

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Commit to Expansion of CTH T Corridor and Acceptance of RAISE Grant Funding - Brian Kelley

Kelley reviewed the resolution and asked for a motion to forward to Executive Committee. (on file)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/5/2021 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4	
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Hull, McMenamin	
ABSENT:	Shipman	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

No future business items were noted.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Hull, McMenamin
ABSENT:	Shipman

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REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2021

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sikorski called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Chair)	Present	
James Mickelson	Chippewa County	District 8 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	

Others Present: Brian Kelley, Chris Elstran, Fred Anderson, Joe Gutowski, Dean Gullickson

Recorder: Tami Pieper

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were not any members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
SECONDER:	James Mickelson, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, Hull, McMenamin

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Highway Committee - Regular Meeting - Jul 28, 2021 8:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 22, 2021 8 AM

5. REPORTS

1. Highway Commissioner Report - Brian Kelley

a. Financial Report

Highway Commissioner Kelley gave reports on highway funds, county aid bridges, highway construction and bridge construction (copies on file). Kelley provided an update on current project status. Supervisor Sikorski inquired about the CTH M project in Lake Holcombe. Kelley

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reported the project has been delayed due to challenges in material order fulfillment, but the goal is still to complete the necessary work this fall.

b. Patrol Superintendent Recruitment

Chad Gudis has resigned leaving the department in a recruitment process. Interviews will begin on Thursday, August 26.

c. Overview of Highway Department Safety Program

In the wake of the recent Clark County highway worker fatality, Kelley gave a presentation on the Chippewa County Highway Department safety program (on file). Highway department management staff are committed to ensuring all safety measures are in place and the department remains compliant with standards.

2. CTH T Corridor Mapping & RAISE Grant Application - Brian Kelley

Kelley provided the committee with an update and overview presentation (on file) on the status of the CTH T corridor expansion planning and mapping project. He stressed to the committee that this project is currently in the planning and mapping stage; it is not a construction project at this time. Kelley explained that the parties involved have submitted a RAISE grant application and are waiting for final selection which will take place in November. Kelley wants to be proactive and keep all Chippewa County Board members informed. This presentation will be given to the Executive Committee and County Board in the next couple of weeks to ask for support in moving forward with the project if the grant is awarded. Kelley discussed that the committee will see a resolution at their next meeting to ask them to pledge support for funding should the RAISE grant application be successful. Supervisor Gullickson stated that the Town of Wheaton board is supportive of the project.

RESULT:

REVIEWED

Next: 9/7/2021 4:00 PM

3. CTH J Award of STP-Urban Funds - Fred Anderson

Project Manager Anderson provided an update on funding that the County was recently awarded from the STP-Urban program. CTH J (from CTH X to 50th Avenue) has been chosen to receive 80/20 state funding in the amount of \$357,000, with an estimated \$89,000 local match to be provided by the County. Supervisor Shipman inquired about the construction timeline. Anderson said construction is planned for 2025.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no business items to discuss.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no future business items to be noted.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

RESULT:

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Mechele Shipman, District 9

SECONDER:

Chuck Hull, District 14

AYES:

Sikorski, Mickelson, Shipman, Hull, McMenamin

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2021 ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

FUND	BALANCE 01/01/21	TRANSFERS & APPROP.	REVENUE	TOTAL AVAILABLE	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 9/4/2021
ADMINISTRATION	(150,901.69)	395,546.00	197,667.05	442,311.36	380,569.30	61,742.06
LAND ACQUISITION	368,066.06	0.00	150.00	368,216.06	0.00	368,216.06
TOTAL MACHINERY	1,674,656.69	0.00	4,539,034.19	6,213,690.88	4,775,744.31	1,437,946.57
MACHINERY	0.00		4,539,034.19	4,539,034.19	4,605,409.14	
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					170,335.17	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	339,686.95	1,600,000.00	1,419,529.12	3,359,216.07	2,371,003.26	988,212.81
MAINTENANCE-CTHS	(190,069.59)	0.00	1,418,748.12	1,228,678.53	1,535,868.33	(307,189.80)
WINTER MAINT-CTHS	529,756.54	1,600,000.00	781.00	2,130,537.54	835,134.93	1,295,402.61
ROAD CONST-CTHS	846,639.85	2,809,740.00	1,450,000.00	5,106,379.85	3,691,325.31	1,415,054.54
BRIDGE CONST-CTHS	89,705.81	609,000.00	200,000.00	898,705.81	644,873.47	253,832.34
BRIDGE CONST-LOCAL RD	194,849.32	49,453.00	0.00	244,302.32	71,546.50	172,755.82
GRAVEL PITS	(413,727.42)	0.00	558,474.86	144,747.44	247,191.87	(102,444.43)
TOTAL NON-HIGHWAY FLEET	(229,229.80)	400,000.00	42,119.58	212,889.78	377,738.26	(164,848.48)
NON-HIGHWAY FLEET - OPERATIONS	(168,286.89)	200,000.00	24,866.58	56,579.69	181,135.26	(124,555.57)
NON-HIGHWAY FLEET - VEHICLES	(60,942.91)	200,000.00	17,253.00	156,310.09	196,603.00	(40,292.91)
TOTALS	2,719,745.77	5,863,739.00	8,406,974.80	16,990,459.57	12,559,992.28	4,430,467.29

Attachment: Fin 1 - Fund Analysis September (6595 : a. Financial Report)

County Aid Bridges

9/4/2021

Year Budgeted	Town	Road	Distance from nearest intersection	Location	Description	Project Cost	County Aid Requested	Amt. raised by local unit	2021 County Pymts	Remaining Balance
2021	Arthur	170th Ave	4,052 ft East of Cty Tk K	Sec. 14, T30N, R7W	Replace 36" culvert due to deterioration	\$ 2,522.50	\$ 1,261.25	\$ 1,261.25	\$ 1,261.25	\$ -
2021	Arthur	290th St.	1,792 ft N of Cty Tk S	Sec. 27, T30N, R6W	Add additional 76" by 46' culvert	\$ 7,490.70	\$ 3,745.75	\$ 3,745.75	\$ 4,705.50	\$ (959.75)
2021	Birch Creek	253rd St	.25 miles N of 260th Ave	Sec. 30, T32N, R6W	Replace 6 ft diameter metal culvert	\$ 13,130.00	\$ 6,565.00	\$ 6,565.00	\$ 5,965.00	\$ 600.00
2021	Cleveland	215th Ave	300 ft	Sec. 24, T31N, R8W	Replace 36" culvert	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 1,875.00
2021	Cleveland	180th St	3/8 mile	Sec. 2, T30N, R8W	Replace (2) 36" culverts	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00		\$ 1,680.00
2021	Edson	325th St.	1/8 mile N. of Cty Hwy MM	Sec. 5, T28N, R5W	Replace culvert with (2) 48" culverts	\$ 6,852.00	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 4,021.82	\$ (595.82)
2021	Estella	270th St	200 ft South of 27/64	Sec. 20/21, T31N, R6W	Replace (2) 5 ft culverts	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
2021	Howard	82nd Ave	300 ft from Cty Hwy N	Sec. 29, T29N, R10W	Remove and Replace old culvert	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,641.85	\$ (891.85)
2021	Sigel	50th Ave	.5 miles W of STH 27	Sec. 7/18, T28N, R6W	Replace culvert	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,004.00	\$ 746.00
2021	Sigel	50th Ave	.75 miles W of STH 27	Sec. 7/18, T28N, R6W	Replace culvert	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 741.00
2021	Woodmohr	82nd Ave	1,150 ft N of 170th Ave	Sec. 7, T30N, R9W	Replace culvert	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,105.00	\$ (4,105.00)
						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS						\$ 98,905.20	\$ 49,453.00	\$ 49,453.00	\$ 35,363.42	\$ 14,089.58

Previous Years County Aid Bridge

Year Budgeted	Town	Road	Distance from nearest intersection	Location	Description	Pre Audit 1/1/21 Balance	2021 County Pymts	Remaining Balance
2020	Bloomer	242nd Ave	.4 miles west of 90th St	Sec. 5, T31N, R9W	Replace existing bridge P-09-966	\$ 1,662.55		\$ 1,662.55
2020	Sigel	20th Ave	1/2 mile W of STH 27	Sec. 30, T28N, R6W	Emergency Aid for Culvert Replacement	\$ 473.00	\$ 422.50	\$ 50.50
2014/17/19	Lafayette	195th St	.6 mi S of CTH X	Sec. 7, T28N, R7W	Replace existing bridge P-09-040	\$ 102,762.76	\$ 35,760.58	\$ 67,002.18
								\$ -
Miscellaneous Balance						\$ 89,951.01		\$ 89,951.01
TOTALS						\$ 194,849.32	\$ -	\$ 158,666.24

Total Balance of County Aid Bridges

\$ 71,546.50 \$ 172,755.82

Attachment: Fin 2 - Bridge Aid September (6595 : a. Financial Report)

2021 HIGHWAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION										
Job No.	Description	1/1/2021 Balance	Appropriations	Transfers/ Revenues	Total Available	Expenditures YTD	Balance 9/4/2021	Fed/State Aid Anticipated	Other Revenues Anticipated	Balance Including Anticipated Revenues
032 "TT"	"TT" Cobban Bridge	67,218.43		200,000.00	267,218.43	238,384.29	28,834.14			28,834.14
041 "K"	CTH "K" Little Drywood Creek	12,853.66			12,853.66	1,011.28	11,842.38			11,842.38
2051 "Q"	CTH "Q" Bridge B-09-074	17,937.55			17,937.55	13,949.06	3,988.49			3,988.49
2151 "S"	CTH "S" Trout Creek Bridge P-09-933	(511.04)	400,000.00		399,488.96	303,372.43	96,116.53			96,116.53
001	Miscellaneous Bridge	(7,992.79)	209,000.00		201,007.21	88,156.41	112,850.80			112,850.80
	Total Misc. Repairs Expenditures YTD					88,156.41	112,850.80	0.00	0.00	112,850.80
	Projects Under Review for Closing With State	200.00			200.00	0.00	200.00			200.00
	TOTALS	89,705.81	609,000.00	200,000.00	898,705.81	644,873.47	253,832.34	0.00	0.00	253,832.34

2021 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Job No.	Description	1/1/2021	Appropriations	Transfer	Total Available	Expenditures	YTD	Balance 09/04/21	Bonding Anticipated	Fed/State Aid Anticipated	Other Anticipated	Balance Including Anticipated Revenues
1905 "S"	US 53 east ramps to the east about 1640 feet	356,545.10			356,545.10	347,369.40		9,175.70				9,175.70
2004 "SS"	83rd to Q (D) (STPR)	(19,941.55)	46,085.00		26,143.45	16,674.33		9,469.12				9,469.12
2101 "SS"	CTH SS STH 64 - 83rd St	(3,060.00)			(3,060.00)	349,475.41		(352,535.41)	1,050,000.00			697,464.50
2111 "J"	CTH J (D) 50th Ave Intersection	0.00	32,000.00		32,000.00	102.24		31,897.76				31,897.76
2112 "J"	CTH J (D) 50th Ave SRTS Path	0.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,642.63		(142.63)		154,560.00		154,417.37
2106 "M"	CTH M Lake Holcombe - STH 27	0.00	100,000.00		100,000.00	1,741.77		98,258.23				98,258.23
2102 "M"	CTH M Dunn County - 60th Ave W	0.00	480,000.00		480,000.00	388,243.99		91,756.01				91,756.01
2103 "J"	CTH J 160th Street - CTH X	0.00	405,000.00		405,000.00	307,014.36		97,985.64				97,985.64
2104 "OO"	CTH OO 160th Street - 20th Avenue	0.00	334,140.00		334,140.00	253,531.22		80,608.78				80,608.78
2113 "X"	CTH X (D) 197th St - CTH XX	0.00			0.00	11,435.80		(11,435.80)				(11,435.80)
2105 "F"	CTH F STH 64 - CTH M	0.00		1,450,000.00	1,450,000.00	1,013,605.93		436,394.07				436,394.07
555	Rut Wedging	0.00	150,000.00		150,000.00	109,591.05		40,408.95				40,408.95
666	Chip Sealing	0.00	480,000.00		480,000.00	497,619.84		(17,619.84)				(17,619.84)
444	Miscellaneous Engineering	0.00	50,000.00		50,000.00			50,000.00				50,000.00
888	Miscellaneous Road Projects/Culverts	0.00	240,015.00		240,015.00			240,015.00				240,015.00
999	Supervision	0.00	490,000.00		490,000.00	392,265.68		97,734.32				97,734.32
777	Contingency	502,589.40			502,589.40			502,589.40				502,589.40
	Projects Under Review for Closing With State	10,506.90			10,506.90	11.66		10,495.24				10,495.24
TOTALS		846,639.85	2,809,740.00	1,450,000.00	5,106,379.85	3,691,325.31		1,415,054.54	1,050,000.00	154,560.00	0.00	2,619,614.54

Attachment: Fin 4 - Highway Construction September (6595 : a. Financial Report)

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 42 - 21

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO EXPANSION OF CTH T CORRIDOR AND
ACCEPTANCE OF RAISE GRANT FUNDING - BRIAN KELLEY**

1 County Trunk Highway (CTH) T is a high volume, two-lane highway designated as an
2 oversize overweight truck route. The corridor is classified as a minor arterial that serves
3 Chippewa County, the Town of Wheaton, Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, and the
4 Town of Union. The corridor is seeing increased growth and potential for commercial
5 development and represents a critical piece of the regional transportation and economic
6 network.

7 A corridor planning and mapping project for CTH T is currently underway to identify and
8 address significant safety, capacity, sustainability, and planning issues that can be alleviated by
9 mapping and eventually upgrading CTH T to a four-lane divided highway. This area being
10 mapped is located within the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area on CTH T from State
11 Trunk Highway (STH) 312 (North Crossing) in Eau Claire County to CTH X in Chippewa County.

12 In addition, project construction funding has been applied for in the form of U.S.
13 Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
14 Equity (RAISE) grant funding, which provides 80% federal funding. If RAISE grant funding is
15 awarded for development of a CTH T corridor, the affected local municipalities would be
16 responsible for the 20% match funding. It is estimated that Chippewa County's share of that
17 20% match would be approximately \$2,804,303 out of the \$33,143,746 total project budget. It
18 is recommended that that cost share be funded through bonding, sales tax funding and/or
19 county levy.

20 Approval of this resolution will approve the plat being developed by the five
21 municipalities. In addition, passage of this resolution will authorize the Highway Department to
22 enter into agreements to accept funding for the future design, property acquisition, and
23 construction of the expansion of CTH T using U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE grant
24 funding, along with local funding.

Resolution No. 42 - 21

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO EXPANSION OF CTH T CORRIDOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF RAISE
GRANT FUNDING - BRIAN KELLEY**

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Wheaton, and the Town of Union have together recognized the need to develop a planned, controlled access corridor for the future expansion of County Trunk Highway (CTH) T; and

WHEREAS, an intergovernmental agreement to conduct the CTH T Corridor Planning and Mapping Project to develop a corridor mapping and layout plan (Plan) was signed in 2020 by these five municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the project costs to develop the Plan have been split proportionally between these five municipalities based on the following percentages: Chippewa County (30%), Eau Claire County (30%), the City of Eau Claire (30%), the Town of Wheaton (5%), and the Town of Union (5%); and

WHEREAS, the project corridor is located within the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area on CTH T from State Trunk Highway (STH) 312 (North Crossing) in Eau Claire County to CTH X in Chippewa County (corridor); and

WHEREAS, CTH T is a high volume, two-lane highway designated as an oversize, overweight truck route; and

WHEREAS, the corridor has an average daily traffic of roughly 7,000 vehicles and is functionally classified as a minor arterial that serves Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, Town of Wheaton, and the Town of Union; and

WHEREAS, the corridor is seeing increased growth and potential for commercial development and represents a critical piece of the regional transportation and economic network; and

WHEREAS, prospective businesses that have considered this area have cited traffic concerns as a factor in their site selection decisions when choosing to construct facilities elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is necessary to study and address significant safety, capacity, sustainability, and planning issues that can be alleviated by mapping and eventually reconstructing the corridor; and

WHEREAS, once developed, the Plan will set out the details for the expansion of CTH T that will address the future traffic needs and provide a safe corridor for the traveling public;

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72 WHEREAS, the Plan will document and address corridor conditions, safety concerns, and
73 concerns from local citizens and officials; and

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75 WHEREAS, the Plan will assist local municipalities in long-range planning of land use and
76 transportation, including development of the preliminary design and right-of-way plat; and

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78 WHEREAS, the future improvements being recommended consist of a four-lane divided
79 highway with a shared use path, a railroad overpass, controlled access, and roundabouts
80 and/or signalized intersections at 10th Avenue, 20th Avenue, and 30th Avenue; and

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82 WHEREAS, currently there are three alternative layouts being considered, along with a
83 “no build” option, from which one final layout will be chosen in order to identify future right-of-
84 way needs; and

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86 WHEREAS, the first of two public involvement meetings was held on June 28, 2021 to
87 present the four alternatives to area businesses and residents to gather their input on the Plan;
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90 WHEREAS, the second of two public involvement meetings will be held on September
91 20, 2021 to present the preferred alternative corridors and gather additional input on the Plan;
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94 WHEREAS, public comments will be considered in the development of the Plan for the
95 final corridor layout;

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97 WHEREAS, the Plan team will select the final corridor layout and bring the final corridor
98 plat map to the Highway Committee and County Board for approval; and

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100 WHEREAS, once adopted by the County Board, the official corridor plat map will be
101 recorded; and

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103 WHEREAS, the final corridor mapping plan and plat map are scheduled to be completed
104 in late 2021; and

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106 WHEREAS, the current ongoing public involvement process is part of the development
107 of the Plan only and future public input will be sought prior to any construction of the corridor;
108 and

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110 WHEREAS, an opportunity to obtain construction funding presented itself earlier this
111 year in the form of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure
112 with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, which provides 80% federal funding for
113 construction projects up to \$25 million; and

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115 WHEREAS, during the course of the Plan's development, the Plan team determined that
116 the corridor construction project would be eligible for RAISE grant funding and chose to apply
117 for the funding prior to the grant application deadline of July 12, 2021; and
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119 WHEREAS, the five municipalities submitted an application for 80% Federal funding for
120 the design, property acquisition, and construction costs for the expansion of the CTH T corridor
121 to a four lane divided highway (Project); and
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123 WHEREAS, the RAISE grant application was submitted to the U.S. Department of
124 Transportation on July 12, 2021, with project awards to be announced on or before November
125 22, 2021; and
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127 WHEREAS, if the RAISE grant application is successful, Chippewa County would need to
128 provide funding for approximately one-third (1/3) of the 20% match of the RAISE grant for
129 design, property acquisition, and construction costs; and
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131 WHEREAS, the current design, property acquisition, and construction costs are
132 estimated at \$33,143,746, with Chippewa County's local share currently estimated to be
133 \$2,804,303; and
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135 WHEREAS, if the RAISE grant application is successful, the design and property
136 acquisition would occur from approximately 2023 through 2026, phased construction would
137 occur from 2027 through 2029, and all work would be successfully completed by the RAISE
138 program's sunset date of September 30, 2029; and
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140 WHEREAS, if the RAISE grant application is successful, the Highway Commissioner and
141 Finance Director recommend utilizing bonding funds, sales tax, or property tax levy funds that
142 are tentatively long-range planned for funding the County's road construction program for
143 future design, property acquisition, and construction costs of the CTH T corridor; and
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145 WHEREAS, if the RAISE grant application is unsuccessful, the Project team will continue
146 to seek out additional funding opportunities and anticipated construction may then be ten or
147 more years out; and
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149 WHEREAS, the Project to expand the CTH corridor would be required to follow the
150 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for public involvement, as required for all federally-
151 funded projects; and
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153 WHEREAS, prior to construction of the Project, the engineering consultant responsible
154 for final design will facilitate an additional public involvement process to disseminate
155 information, answer questions, and address public concerns about the project; and
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157 WHEREAS, the Project to expand the CTH T corridor would significantly improve corridor

safety and accommodate the increased traffic demands of future development; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for and economic benefit of a future four-lane expansion of the CTH T corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the corridor mapping and layout Plan has been completed, the Chippewa County Board shall adopt the official corridor plat map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the RAISE grant application be successful as submitted, Chippewa County will accept the RAISE grant funds and enter into necessary agreements to proceed with design, property acquisition, and construction of the CTH T corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the RAISE grant application be successful, the County Administrator and Highway Commissioner are authorized to sign future agreements necessary to proceed with design, property acquisition, and construction of the CTH T corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the RAISE grant application be successful as submitted, the County will allocate funds for the County's local share of costs, which is currently estimated to be \$2,804,303; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should additional State or Federal funding become available to use on the Project, such funds may be utilized for the Project in lieu of County funds to fulfill the County's obligations of the RAISE grant program.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Future funding in the amount of approximately \$2,804,303 (bonding, sales tax or levy).

09/22/2021 Highway Committee

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/5/2021 4:00 PM

MOVER: Lee McMenamin, District 4

SECONDER: Chuck Hull, District 14

AYES: Glen Sikorski, James Mickelson, Chuck Hull, Lee McMenamin

ABSENT: Mechele Shipman

Approved as to Form:



Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

9/14/2021



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

9/14/2021



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