

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-105

**RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
ENDORING THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA AND
AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF A BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE FOUR MILE ROAD**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge by the Village of Caledonia, along the MRK trail corridor over the Four Mile Road, is hereby supported and endorsed and that the acceptance of ownership and maintenance responsibilities by Racine County is hereby authorized and approved pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. That the design plans and construction is in accordance with all applicable federal and State bridge standards for a bridge of this type and classification. All costs for planning and design of the bridge shall be incurred solely by Village of Caledonia.
- 2. That the design plans and specifications shall be forwarded to the Racine County Department of Public Works for their review and written concurrence prior to public bid solicitation.
- 3. That the bridge will be constructed and installed by the Village of Caledonia and that all costs for construction and installation shall be incurred solely by Village.
- 4. That a formal agreement laying out terms and conditions of the transfer agreement of ownership be prepared by the Village of Caledonia
- 5. That the formal agreement prepared by the Village shall be submitted to the Corporation Counsel and Department of Public Works and terms and conditions as the Corporation Counsel and the Director of Public Works deem necessary and appropriate shall be included in the transfer agreement.
- 6. The formal transfer of ownership agreement shall be presented to the Racine County Public Works Committee for their review and approval prior to execution.
- 7. That any two of the County Executive, the County Clerk and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted by the County Clerk to the President, Clerk and Administrator of the Village of Caledonia.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Gilbert Bakke, Chairman

Daniel F. Sharkozy, Vice-Chairman

Mike Dawson, Secretary

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Prepared by:
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INFORMATION ONLY

WHEREAS, Racine County's adopted plans have recommended that a transportation and recreational trail adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) east corridor be completed from Layard Avenue in the City of Racine to Milwaukee County and connecting with trails there; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Racine County has constructed and opened a bicycle/pedestrian
7 trail under a License Agreement with WE Energies, designated as the MRK trail, along
8 the corridor from Layard Avenue northward currently ending at Six Mile Road and is in
9 the process of implementing and coordinating projects to make the Milwaukee County
10 connection; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia is in the process of finalizing design
13 engineering for the Four Mile Road underpass of the UPRR; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the need for four traffic lanes and the increasing volume of traffic
16 currently and projected on Four Mile Road make it very desirable to have a grade
17 separation between motor vehicle and bicycle and pedestrian traffic; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia as part of the underpass project is
20 considering a bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing of Four Mile Road which would be
21 accomplished through existing earmarked Village project funds; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia has inquired of Racine County's interest in
24 accepting ownership and maintenance responsibilities for such a bridge facility should it
25 be constructed; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the building of such a bridge by the Village of Caledonia and the
28 acceptance of ownership by Racine County upon completion would promote safe
29 transportation facilities, provide quality recreational opportunities, enhance quality of life,
30 and further sound intergovernmental cooperation and serve good public policy.