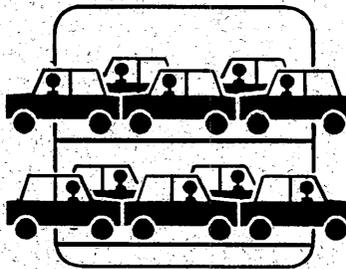


STH 57 ENUMERATION

**Supportive Testimony
by the
Door County Delegation**



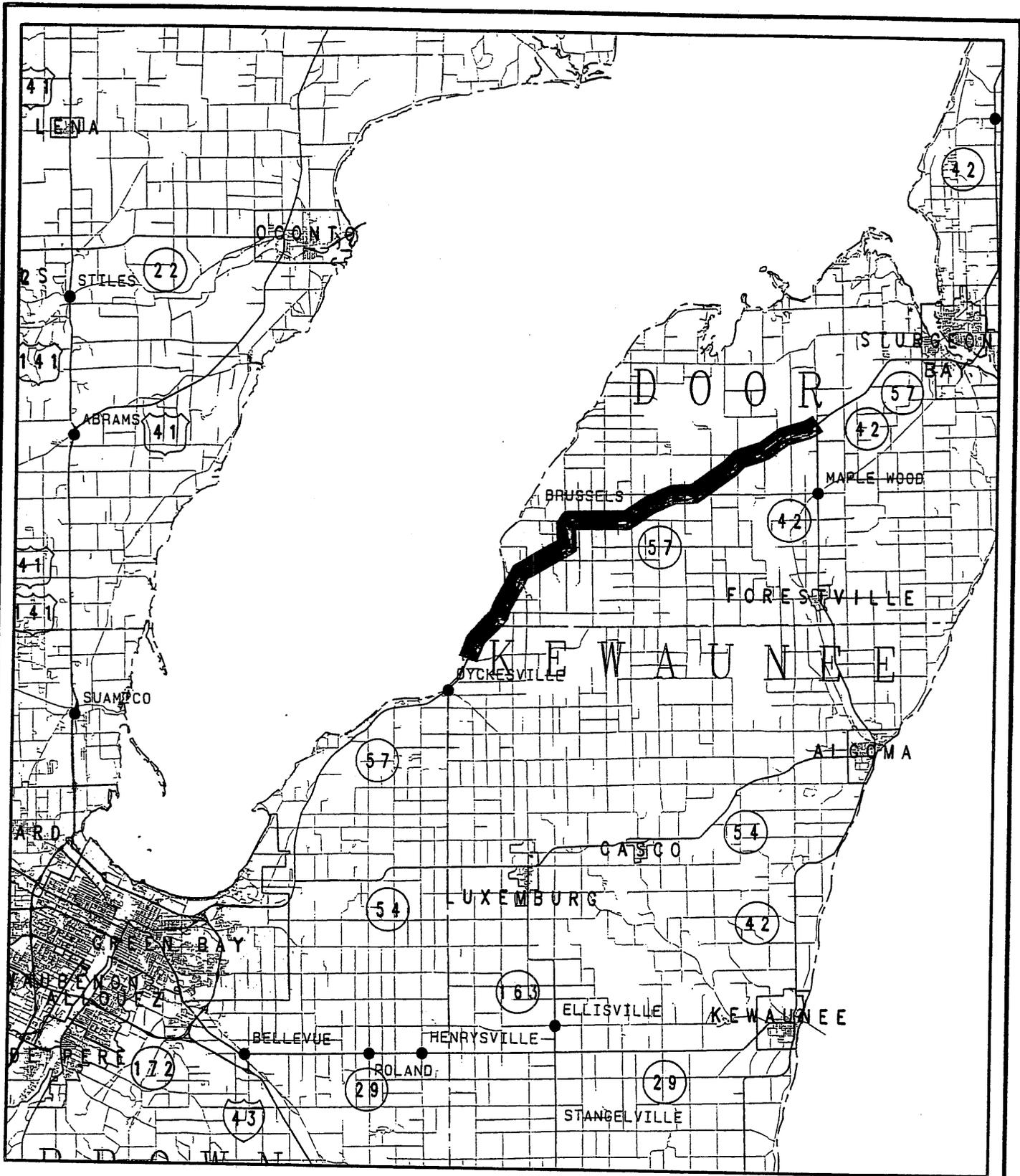
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**WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS COMMISSION**

**July 30, 1996
DePere, WI**

STH 57 Enumeration Public Hearing
Door County Delegation Members

1. **Local Government**
 - a. Leroy Liebe, Chairman - Town of Nasewaupee
Chairman - Door Co. Towns Association
 - b. William Wright, Mayor - City of Sturgeon Bay
 - c. Nancy Bemmann, County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator - County of Door
 - d. Robert Florence, Planning Director - Door County Planning Dept.
 - e. Harvey Malzahn, Commissioner - Door County Highway Dept.
 - f. Leo Zipperer, Chairman - Door County Board of Supervisors
2. **Schools**
 - a. Joe Innis, Superintendent - Southern Door Schools
3. **Regional Planning**
 - a. Jim VanLanen, Transportation Planner - Bay-Lake RPC
4. **Agribusiness**
 - a. Bill Overbeck
 - b. George Evenson
5. **Manufacturing Businesses**
 - a. Bill Behme, Therma-Tron-X and President, Door County Manufacturers Association
 - b. Bob Papke, Marine Travelift and Chairman, Door Co. Economic Dev. Corp.
6. **Commercial Businesses**
 - a. Greg Stephan, Community Bank President - Associated Bank
 - b. Steve Selvick, Owner - MasterCare Cleaning Services
 - c. Tom Herlache, President - Baylake Bank Corporation
7. **Tourism Industry**
 - a. Bob Hastings, CEO - Door Co. Chamber of Commerce
 - b. Tom Lyons, Communication Director - Door Co. Chamber of Commerce
8. **Sturgeon Bay Main Street Program**
 - a. Kathleen Finnerty, Executive Director - Sturgeon Bay Community Dev. Corp.
9. **Economic Development/Waterfront Redevelopment**
 - a. Bill Chaudoir, Executive Director - Door Co. Econ. Dev. Corp.
10. **Law Enforcement/Emergency**
 - a. Chuck Brann, Sheriff - Door Co. Sheriff's Department
 - b. Gary Bies, Chief Deputy - Door Co. Sheriff's Department
 - c. Wayne Denil, Owner - Para Tran Medical Transport
11. **Citizens**
 - a. Mrs. Harris
12. **State Government**
 - a. Dave Hutchison - Representative, 1st Assembly District



STH 57 Study Area

 Project Location

STH 57 ENUMERATION

PUBLIC HEARING

TESTIMONY

Town of Nasewaupsee

Resolution
In Support of State Highway 57 Improvement Project

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has nominated the State Highway 57 Dyckesville to STH 42 improvement project as a candidate for "Enumeration," and

Whereas, the Transportation Projects Commission is accepting public testimony regarding this project, and

Whereas, this project is consistent with the State "Corridor 2020", "Mobility 2000" and "Translink 21" transportation improvement plans, and

Whereas, current excessive traffic volumes create severe congestion and public safety concerns on this section of State Highway 57, and

Whereas, this project will have a very positive effect on the economy of the County and will enhance public safety along this highway,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of NASEWAUPEE does endorse and support the planned improvements to State Highway 57 in Door and Kewaunee Counties.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town of NASEWAUPEE urges the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Transportation Projects Commission, the State Legislature and the Governor to approve the enumeration of this project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town of NASEWAUPEE requests that the State Legislature and Governor appropriate sufficient funds to complete this project by the year 2005.

Town Board of NASEWAUPEE

Laura E. Giele
Chairman

Douglas Pfister
Supervisor I

Gladys Schommer
Supervisor II

I, Charlene Q. Schmitz, Clerk of the Town of Nasewaupsee, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Nasewaupsee on the 18th day of July, 1996.

Charlene Schmitz
Clerk

City of Sturgeon Bay

Resolution
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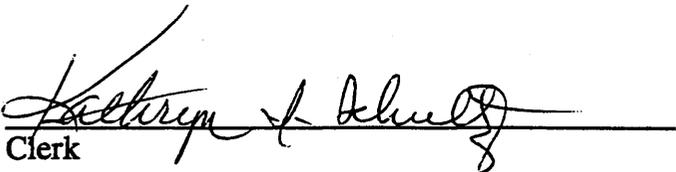
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I, Kathryn I. Schultz, Clerk of the City of Sturgeon Bay, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Sturgeon Bay on the 16th day of July, 1996.


Clerk

Dated: July 18, 1996



DOOR COUNTY
Planning Department

Re: Public Hearing Before The Wisconsin Transportation
Commission; Candidates for Enumeration - Highway 57
From Dykesville To Highway 42; Tuesday, July 30, 1996.

Testimony of Robert W. Florence, Planning Director, Door County Planning
Department:

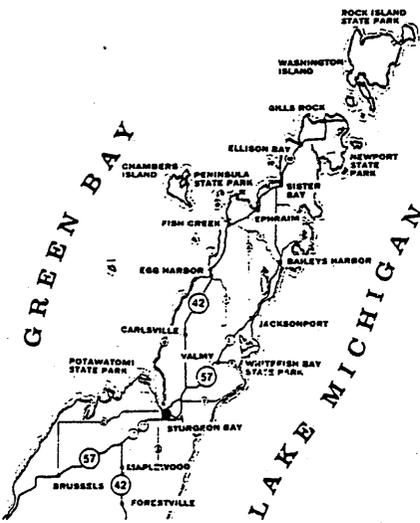
Door County's Development plan, a document which serves as a guide to future development of Door County, was adopted by the Door County Board of Supervisors on March 28, 1995. The plan deals with various aspects of community living, including land use, natural resources, economic development, and transportation, as well as other issues.

The transportation section of the plan recognizes that commerce and travel in Door County is heavily dependent on a road system. Accordingly, the plan recognizes the benefits of the proposed four-lane, Highway 57 project to Door County, and therefore, specifically supports the proposed project (see pages 34 and 35, Door County Development Plan) and calls for completion of the project as soon as possible.

Robert W. Florence

Robert W. Florence
July 29, 1996

RWF/jk



Door County Highway Department
Harvey J. Malzahn, Commissioner
916 North 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Telephone: 414-743-4291 Fax: 414-743-7060

29 July 1996

Transportation Project Commission
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Bureau of Program Management
4802 Sheboygan Avenue
Room 95
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Dear Commission Members:

As the Highway Commissioner of Door County, I would like to express my indorsement and support for the State Truck Highway "57", Dyckesville to State Trunk Highway "42" project.

The folowing is a list of the reasons I think it is of the utmost importance that the Highway "57" Project be enumerated and built now:

- a. Improve Highway Safety:
Several Traffic Fatalities
- b. Enhance Wisconsin and Door County Economy:
Tourism
Ship yards
Industrial Park
- c. Improve Highway Service:
Increase traffic

Harvey J. Malzahn
Harvey J. Malzahn, Commissioner
Door County Highway Department

DOOR COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

COURT HOUSE
PHONE: 414-746-2266
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PO BOX 670
421 NEBRASKA STREET
STURGEON BAY, WI 54235-0670

July 26, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Transportation Projects Commission
WI Department of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 951
Madison, WI 53705

RE: Enumeration of STH 57 - CTH A to STH 42
(Kewaunee and Door Counties)

Dear Governor:

From September 08, 1968 to March 04, 1994, my duty was to patrol STH 57 in the counties of Brown, Kewaunee and Door as a Trooper with the Wisconsin State Patrol. For those twenty five plus years I worked a good number of the crashes that occurred on that highway and as well, experienced the trauma associated with injury and the loss of life. Although not every crash could be associated with roadway construction or design deficiencies, periodic reconstruction of the road through Dyckesville, Brussels and the addition of another lane atop the Brussels Hill were the result of a needed update to handle the ever increasing traffic. The volume of traffic also warranted the upgrading of STH 57 to 4-lanes from its junction with STH 42 to Sturgeon Bay and a second "Bayview" bridge was constructed over that period of time.

It was my hope that, prior to my retirement, STH 57 would be 4 lane from Green Bay to Sturgeon Bay. I have been retired for two (2) years and it is disheartening to learn that this highway is still waiting to be enumerated.

I was chairman of the Door County Board of Supervisors when the Bayview Bridge was dedicated in 1978 and after a brief absence from the political scene, I was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1994 and returned as Chairman, April 1996. Being that I am aware of the speed at which government does work, I find it totally unacceptable that this process has taken so long to even get to this stage. The economy of our County is dependent on a good and safe highway system and completion of this network will enhance the economy not only of Door County but the State as well. I have enclosed a copy of a recent Resolution approved unanimously by the Door County Board on July 24, 1996. Please take note that the action of the Board encourages you and the legislature to find new sources for funding of this project.

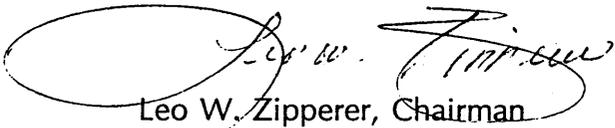
July 26, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Transportation Projects Commission
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Any further delay to this project will be negative to the communities within Door County, Businesses and the Tourist industry. Completion of the new highway is also essential to improve safety and minimize the undesirable impacts. In addition the shipment and return of product to the area is conditioned on good transportation routes.

I trust that you and the Transportation Projects Commission will see the need to approve the enumeration and immediate construction of STH 57 from Dyckesville to the junction with STH 42 in Door County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo W. Zipperer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Leo W. Zipperer, Chairman
Door County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 670
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-0670

pc: TPC members

RESOLUTION NO. 52-96

SUPPORT STH 57 PROJECT
(Recommendation For Enumeration)

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be presenting to the Transportation Projects Commission, a list of candidates for enumeration by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Highway 57 project (Highway A North to Hwy 42) is a candidate for enumeration and testimony will be taken on the proposed 4-lane project on July 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Such project will strengthen the transportation infrastructure while improving highway safety and service, minimize negative environmental and social effects, serve community objectives; and

WHEREAS, Local units of government, the local business communities and citizens of Door County have publicly supported the enumeration of and encourage immediate completion of the Hwy 57 project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Door County Board of Supervisors does hereby go on record in support of enumerating this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature be encouraged to provide new sources for funding of this project to avoid any further delay in construction of the project so vital to all Door County communities, businesses, residents, and visitors.

William Anschutz
William Anschutz

Warren Kruswick
Warren Kruswick

Daniel Austad
Daniel Austad

Thomas Leist
Thomas Leist

Clifford Bockhop
Clifford Bockhop

Leroy Liebe
Leroy Liebe

Colleen Crocker-MacMillin
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Daniel F. Maggle
Daniel Maggle

David Englebert
David Englebert

Colin Sacotte
Colin Sacotte

Charles Gulley
Charles Gulley

James Sargent
James Sargent

Nathan Gunnlaugsson
Nathan Gunnlaugsson

Norbert Schachtner
Norbert Schachtner

Lyle Hill
Lyle Hill

Donald Sitte
Donald Sitte

Susan Hilsabeck
Susan Hilsabeck

Russell Wagner
Russell Wagner

Charles Jarman
Charles Jarman

Leo Zipperer
Leo Zipperer

CERTIFICATION:

I, Nancy A. Bemmann, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 23rd day of July, 1996 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Nancy A. Bemmann
Nancy A. Bemmann, County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
STH 57 - DYCKESVILLE TO STH 42
JULY 30, 1996 - 10:00 A.M.
Bemis International Center, St. Norbert College, DePere

My name is Joe Innis and I am Superintendent of the Southern Door County School District.

As you are aware, the Southern Door Schools are located on Hwy. 57. Because of the problems created by the current highway as it relates to our school district, I am here to support efforts to have Hwy. 57 completed to four lanes as soon as possible.

--We have over 1300 students and 175 full and parttime employees who are on our school site daily. On a typical school day, there are 300-350 cars in our school parking lot and in the evening there may be 100-600 cars depending on the school activities taking place. In addition, there are 19 regular route school buses that enter and exit the school area twice each day as well as several smaller buses transporting special education students. A four lane highway designed to more safely accomodate the entering and exiting of these vehicles from the school site would be a great benefit to our district's students, employees and residents. The current highway as it relates to handling this volume of traffic within a short time period is an ongoing safety concern. As the conditions now exist, there are oftentimes backups, considerable delays in getting vehicles in and out of the school site area and overall many safety concerns impacting all parties who enter and leave the Southern Door Schools.

--As a citizen who travels Hwy. 57 regularly, let me say the sooner it is upgraded to four lanes, the better. Making a left turn off of Hwy. 57 with the current volume of traffic is just plain dangerous. You have to watch for oncoming traffic, but you also better be watching your rearview mirror and hope the cars behind see your signal. Some of our school employees travel from Green Bay to Southern Door daily and have done so for many years. They attest regularly to the increased volume of traffic and how their travel concerns have heightened.

I hope you will take these comments into consideration and support moving the date for upgrading Hwy. 57 up so the project can be completed sooner than it is currently scheduled.

RESOLUTION 8-96

Resolution of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission that supports the development of State Trunk Highway 57 to a four-lane divided highway, from the STH 57 intersection with County Trunk A in Kewaunee County to its intersection with State Trunk Highway 42 in Door County, a distance of 17.3 miles.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Projects Commission was created by the State of Wisconsin Legislature to seek greater public participation in the selection of major highway projects, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing at which comment will be solicited will be conducted by the Transportation Projects Commission in the city of De Pere, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, July 30, 1996, and

WHEREAS, one of the major projects which the Transportation Project Commission will consider for enumeration in 1996 entails the construction of two additional traffic lanes and the reconstruction and rerouting of a 17.3 mile stretch of State Trunk Highway 57, between County Trunk A in Kewaunee County to State Trunk Highway 42 in Door County, and

WHEREAS, public support for the project is essential and critical if the proposal is to become a reality, and

WHEREAS, this project will have a positive effect on the economy of the region and will significantly enhance public safety on the highway, and

WHEREAS, delays in enumerating this project will result in increased human suffering caused by highway related injury, death, and damage to property, and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the citizens of Wisconsin support and endorse the appropriation of additional transportation funding which will be used solely for the purpose of reducing the backlog of major highway projects that have already been enumerated but have yet to be developed and will speed the highway development process so that proposed major projects can be addressed within a reasonable and timely fashion, and

WHEREAS, because it would be sensible from a planning standpoint as well as more economically prudent if the northern portion of STH 57 (between CTH A in Kewaunee County and STH 42 in Door County) was included into the construction phasing and scheduling of the southern segment of STH 57 (between CTH A in Kewaunee County and STH 57 in Brown County), the Commission recommends that this project be moved up the major transportation project list and that development of this project coincide with development of the southern segment of the highway,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission endorses and supports the improvements planned for State Trunk Highway 57 in both Door and Kewaunee County, which is identified as project #1480-08-00, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission endorses and supports increased funding levels and the appropriation of additional funds for major highway projects so that vital highway transportation projects may be completed in a timely fashion, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Project #1480-80-00 be moved up the major transportation project list and that development of this project coincide with development of lane additions to the southern segment of STH 57, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission urges the Transportation Projects-Commission to recommend that the Legislature select for funding Project #1480-08-00 (the State Trunk Highway 57 Reconstruction Project).

I, James E. Gilligan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission on the day of July, 12, 1996.

James E. Gilligan, Secretary-Treasurer
Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

TTX THERMA-TRON-X, INC.

CUSTOM OVENS • WASHERS • INDUSTRIAL FINISHING SYSTEMS

July 22, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Transportation Projects Commission
WI Dept. of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Ave., Room 951
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Governor Thompson

We live and work in an area that has long survived on the shipbuilding industry. As you know, that industry has all but disappeared for us. With your help and support we have made great inroads with attracting new businesses and expanding on existing businesses. Our Company has, in the last three years, grown from \$10 million in sales to \$20 million, with expected growth this year of an additional 20% or more. Our customers are Briggs & Stratton, Kawasaki, Freightliner, Ingersoll-Rand, Toro, Caterpillar, and the list goes on. We do world-class business from little Sturgeon Bay, as do the other manufacturing businesses that support this community.

We take a lot of pride in our corner of Wisconsin and believe it is one of the most beautiful and unique in the country. Tourism is our main export, but it is the 20,000 permanent residents that make it possible for Door County to be what it is. We are remote and must rely on ourselves and our businesses to sustain this permanent population. Shipbuilding used to do this; now we do. Therma-Tron-X is becoming a great success story, but there are certain barriers that we have little control over.

If we are to continue to provide a good living for families in this area we need your support. As our businesses grow, so does the need for transportation of raw materials and finished goods. When you combine those trucks with anxious tourists on a two-lane country road the end result will eventually be disaster. We have already had an inordinate number of accidents and fatalities on the two lane highway between Dykesville and Highway 42. We cannot afford to have that continue to escalate.

A SUBSIDIARY OF **TTX** HOLDINGS, INC.

1155 South Neenah Ave. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 -1996 Phone - 414/743-6568 Fax - 414/743-5486

I know that we all compete for the same dollar. There are many issues that contribute to where funding is appropriated. The question is always where is the money best spent; where does it do the most good; where is it needed the most. This road upgrade will bolster tourism for the state, it will make our roads safer and will continue to give our Wisconsin businesses the ability to grow and compete in the world market. We as a company and as a concerned group of businesses ask that you move forward with the Highway 57 upgrade.

Sincerely,



Bill Behme
Human Resources Manager
Therma-Tron-X, Inc.

Also as:
President
Door County Manufacturer's Association

MARINE  T.M. TRAVELIFT Inc.

JULY 30, 1996

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COMMISSION
4802 SHEBOYGAN AVE, ROOM 951
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53705

DEAR COMMISSIONERS:

THE SAFETY AND ECONOMIC SURVIVAL OF DOOR COUNTY DEPENDS ON YOUR ACTIONS. THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT THE FINAL SEGMENT OF FOUR LANE HIGHWAY 57 BETWEEN GREEN BAY AND STURGEON BAY IS TO DOOR COUNTY.

MARINE TRAVELIFT AND OTHER MANUFACTURERS USE THIS HIGHWAY EXCLUSIVELY, FOR OUR SHIPPING, EMPLOYEE COMMUTING AND AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. WE WILL SUPPORT INCREASED TRANSPORTATION FEES TO HAVE A SAFER HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

LET'S FINISH THIS IMPORTANT JOB! PLEASE HELP US AND APPROVE THIS FOUR LANE PROJECT.

THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,



ROBERT PAPKE
MARINE TRAVELIFT AND
CHAIRMAN - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RP/cm

OUTLINE
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COMMISSION
Greg Stephan
July 30, 1996

I. SCOPE OF BUSINESS

- ◆ Community Bank President Associated Bank Door County
- ◆ Merger with Associated Bank Green Bay May, 1992
- ◆ Total Door County Deposits \$80 million
- ◆ Total Door County Loans \$60 million
- ◆ Ability to assist expansion of businesses with increased capacity of Associated Bank
- ◆ Officers or employees of ABDC travel Highway 57 to GB 3-4 times per week

II. NEED FOR UPGRADING HIGHWAY 57 TO 4 LANE

- Competitive Advantage
 - Most Door County tourists use Highway 57 - many boats, campers, trucks, etc.
 - SB Industrial Development experience (need 4 lane access to Interstate system for potential expansion)
 - Expansion of existing businesses could be impacted by traffic congestion
- Safety
 - Eight traffic fatalities on Highway 57 since January, 1995
 - Theresa Hilander death May 21, 1996 - discuss impact on ABDC staff
 - Need to drive this highway regularly to appreciate the traffic conditions
 - Completion of Highway 29 upgrade will bring more traffic to Door County

III. FUNDING

- Gas tax issue - no one likes paying more taxes, but sometimes necessary
- Better traffic flow will increase Door County revenues - we support Governor's tax increase
- How will projected State surplus be spent - could some be diverted to Highway projects?

IV. TIMING

- Fifteen year completion unacceptable
- Time schedule suggested at 1995 meetings RE highway development long enough:
ie: GB to Dykesville completed by 2002; Dykesville to Highway 42 completed by 2005
- Dousman Street Bridge in GB approved and funded within 1 year - It can be done



July 26, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson
Chairman, Transportation Projects Commission
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the Highway 57 improvement project. I am the owner of Mastercare Cleaning Services Inc. which is a commercial cleaning business in Sturgeon Bay. My business was started eight years ago, employs 25 people, and specializes in cleaning of tile floors in grocery stores and discount stores. It requires that my trucks use Highway 57 everyday to service our major accounts in Green Bay.

Highway 57 is the only route available and is a cause for great concern to me. This heavily traveled route is also the only way tourists come and go to Door County.

Besides the heavy traffic, there are weather conditions which make this two lane highway subject to many accidents and deaths.

~~I understand that if approved now the project may not be completed for 15 years. This is not~~
acceptable for a project that is needed now in order to have business traffic operate safely on this highway from Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay daily.

For the good of the public and survival of the economic situation, please don't isolate Sturgeon Bay with outdated access roads. Good intentions in 15 years will not help -- action is needed now. After reviewing all the statistics on this project, I hope you will agree and come to an acceptable conclusion for everyone.

Sincerely,

MASTERCARE CLEANING SERVICES INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Selvick".

Steven M. Selvick
President

SMS/bg

P.O. Box 586 • Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-0586
Phone: 414-743-7913 FAX: 414-743-7957



July 25, 1996

Governor Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Transportation Projects Commission
4802 Sheyboygan Avenue, Room 951
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Governor Thompson:

I am writing in regard to the enumeration of STH 57 - Dykesville to STH 42. I feel it is absolutely essential for safety and economic reasons to complete the four lane highway project from Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay!

There are two safety issues. First, it is apparent the accident and death toll that has been predicted has begun to occur. It is too bad we have to have these unfortunate occurrences transpire rather than predicted through logical argument before anything is done. The tragedy has begun and the sooner we stop it the better. Second, with the increased traffic it is more difficult to get medical patients to Green Bay in a timely and safe fashion. Green Bay has medical facilities that are not available in Door County for such things as premature babies, heart patients, some orthopedics, and many other medical emergencies. Door County residents deserve reasonable transportation systems that meet these safety needs.

Economically Door County requires an improved (four lane) highway to Green Bay. The increased tourism traffic as a result of development that has already occurred in Northern Door County already has strained the current highways. The development of Highway 29 from Green Bay to Minneapolis, the waterfront development in Sturgeon Bay (making it a conference and tourism destination point), and the continuing light manufacturing growth in Sturgeon Bay requiring better ingress and egress (thereby saving jobs and

helping to replace jobs lost in the ship building industry) it should be perfectly obvious that this project is absolutely essential to Door County's economic well-being!

Therefore, Governor Thompson, we are requesting with a great sense of urgency that you help us by making it clear to the Transportation Projects Commission that the Highway 57 Improvement Project must be enumerated and put on a fast track for completion. Since Roman times it has clearly been the responsibility of good government to provide good roads and transportation for its citizens. That is what ask for now!

Yours truly,



Thomas L. Herlache, President



Expansion of Highway 57 Vital to Tourism Industry

On behalf of our 755 members, their more than 6,000 employees and the tourism industry that forms the backbone of Door County's economy, the Door County Chamber of Commerce urges the state to complete the expansion of Highway 42/57 to four lanes between Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay.

Door County draws an estimated 2 million visitors to the peninsula each year, generating millions of dollars in local economic activity and sales tax revenue for the state. According to the state Department of Tourism, last year visitors directly spent an estimated \$190 million in Door County, an amount that turns over many times in our local economy. In addition, tourism provided \$10 million in direct sales tax revenue to the state last year.

Door County has proven a vital player in the state's \$6.1 billion tourism industry, continuously ranking as a major lure for out-of-state visitors. Door County also has successfully partnered with the state. Under the state's Joint Effort Marketing program (JEM), for instance, we have leveraged state and private marketing dollars to stretch our summer season into the spring.

As shown in the accompanying chart of state traffic counts, the tourism flow to and from Door County continues to grow at very strong rate. Completion of the Highway 57 expansion has become not only a safety issue for our local residents and our visitors but a vital economic issue for our tourism-based economy. Completion of this project not only will benefit Door County but will help protect the state's interests in our regional and statewide tourism efforts.

Please review the resolution from our Board of Directors. And thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Hastings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bob Hastings, Chief Executive Officer



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, this 25th day of July, 1996 that the board of directors of the Door County Chamber of Commerce hereby petitions the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to immediately enumerate the Highway 57 project between Dyckesville and Highway 42 as a four-lane highway.

Door County relies on Highway 57 as its bridge to the rest of the world. This highway is the primary access corridor for Wisconsin's premier vacation destination. Congestion, already at a critical level, threatens our tourism industry and negatively impacts the movement of materials and machinery for our manufacturing and agricultural sectors. Access to markets has become a problem in attracting new industry to Door County.

Today, Highway 57 has become an unsafe corridor with many accidents and numerous fatalities. It is incumbent upon state government to immediately move to correct the problem. It is time to four-lane Highway 57 between Dyckesville and Highway 42.

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Inge A. Bacon, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Hastings".

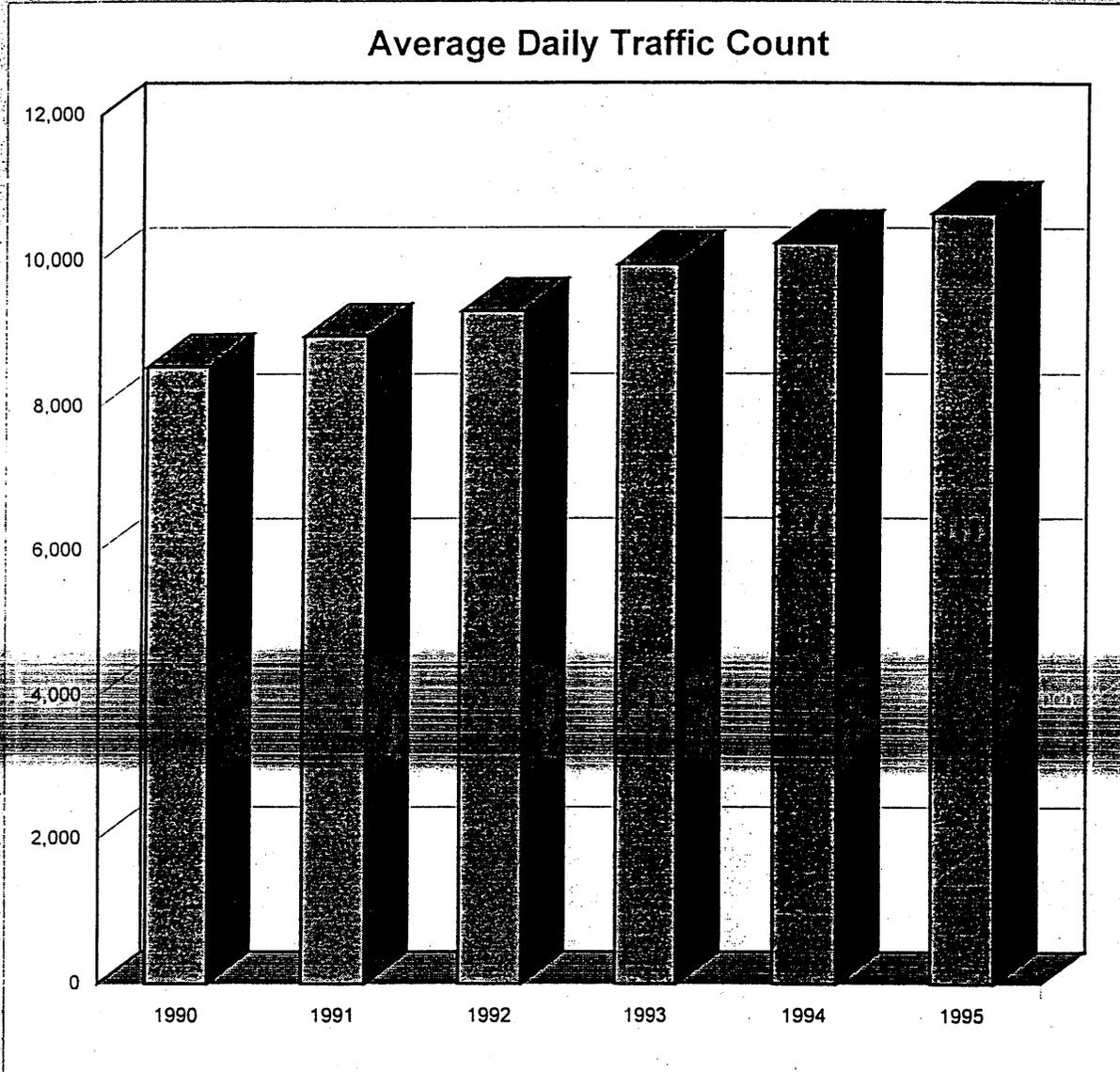
Robert D. Hastings, Chief Executive



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Door County Traffic Counts, Hwy 42/57 Combined

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Average Daily Traffic Count	8,544	8,956	9,304	9,945	10,234	10,649



1990-1995, increase of 25% or 2,105 cars per day

Resolution
In Support of Highway 57 Improvement Project

Whereas, the Sturgeon Bay Community Development Corporation is a public/private partnership operating the "Wisconsin Main Street" program in the City of Sturgeon Bay, and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has nominated the State Highway 57 Dyckesville to STH 42 improvement project as a candidate for "Enumeration," and

Whereas, the Transportation Projects Commission is accepting public testimony regarding this project, and

Whereas, this project is consistent with the State "Corridor 2020" and "Mobility 2000" and "Translink 21" highway improvement plans, and

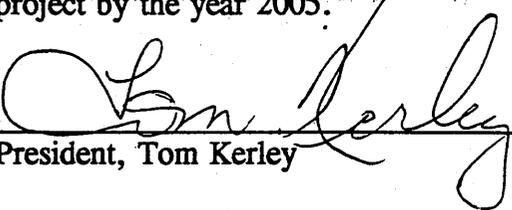
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Be It Further Resolved, that the Sturgeon Bay Community Development Corporation urges the Department of Transportation, the Transportation Projects Commission, the State Legislature and the Governor to approve enumeration of this project.

~~Be It Further Resolved, that the Sturgeon Bay Community Development Corporation requests that the State Legislature and Governor appropriate sufficient funds to complete this project by the year 2005.~~



President, Tom Kerley

I, Kathleen Finnerty, Secretary of the Sturgeon Bay Community Development Corporation, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Sturgeon Bay Community Development Corporation on the 23rd day of July, 1996.



Secretary, Kathleen Finnerty

STH 57 ENUMERATION

Testimony Summary

William D. Chaudoir, Executive Director
Door County Economic Development Corporation
to
Wisconsin Transportation Projects Commission
Public Hearing, DePere, WI, July 30, 1996

I. Introduction

A. DCEDC

1. Public/private partnership for economic development
2. Promotes business expansion and diversification and job creation

B. Economic Challenges Confronting County

1. Shipbuilding downsizing
 - a. PBI - 800 jobs lost - 1994/95
 - b. Bay Ship - 1500 jobs lost - 1987/88

II. Economic Development Programs

A. Business Retention Programs

1. Annual business visits
2. Rave about the local labor force/business climate
3. 2 lane STH 57 major impediment to competitiveness

B. Business Recruitment Program

1. Available sites/buildings
2. "Business By Nature" Marketing Program
3. ~~Target visitors and seasonal residents for recruitment of new businesses~~

C. Waterfront Redevelopment

1. Sturgeon Bay Waterfront Redevelopment Authority adopted plan to redevelop underutilized lands
2. City adopted TIF plan to implement phase I projects
3. City will invest \$13 million to acquire property and prepare redevelopment sites
4. Four private developers secured to implement projects including restaurant, resort hotel, 150 slip marina and conference hall. Private investment totals \$20 million.

D. Business Startup

1. Currently building Door Co. Business Development Center a \$1.5 million business incubator facility
2. Existing incubator facility includes 5 new businesses

E. Community Development

1. City of Sturgeon Bay has developed 300 ac. Industrial Park. 55 acres available for development.
2. Industrial Park TIF plan includes \$1.5 million expansion/improvement program
3. Business Incentive Programs
 - a. 5 local Revolving Loan Funds
 - b. Sturgeon Bay Development Zone - one of the most successful in State with 539 jobs, \$19.2 million private investment, \$1.4 million tax credits allocated to 38 businesses
 - c. Door County Industrial Export Assistance Program

III. Door Co. Business Assets

- A. Quality of Life unmatched anywhere
- B. Labor Force - Quality and Available
- C. Community infrastructure and programs in place
- D. Business incentives attractive

IV. Transportation Problems

- A. Peninsula location
 1. STH 57 only way in or out
- B. No Transportation Options
 1. ~~No bus, rail or commercial airport~~
 2. ~~Traffic volumes/congestion excessive~~
- D. Bottleneck problem
 1. 4-lane highways on both ends of project
- E. Need connection to Interstate System
 1. 4-lane highway access ranked No. 5 out of 35 factors effecting business location decisions in Forward WI survey

V. Schedule for Completion

- A. Proposed 15 year completion schedule severely inadequate
- B. DCEDC, local governments and business on record in support of additional revenue



**Resolution
In Support of Highway 57 Improvement Project**

Whereas, the Door County Economic Development Corporation is a public/private partnership committed to the expansion and diversification of the economic base of Door County, and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has nominated the State Highway 57 Dyckesville to STH 42 improvement project as a candidate for "Enumeration," and

Whereas, the Transportation Projects Commission is accepting public testimony regarding this project, and

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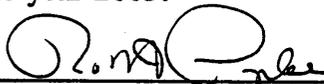
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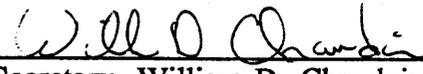
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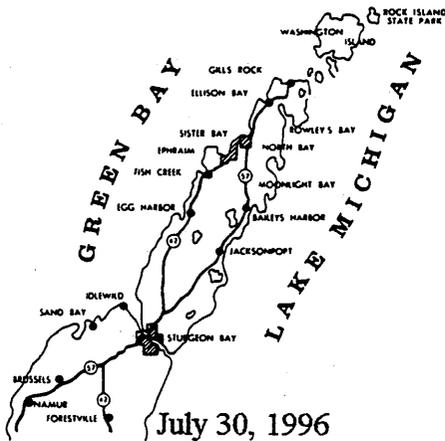
Chairman, Robert Papke

I, William D. Chaudoir, Secretary of the Door County Economic Development Corporation, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Door County Economic Development Corporation on the 8th day of July, 1996.



Secretary, William D. Chaudoir

BUSINESS By NATURE



DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SHERIFF

Charles G. Brann

To: Transportation Projects Commission
Honorable Governor Tommy Thompson, Chairman
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Honorable Senator Alan Lasee, Vice Chairman
Room 303 MLK Blvd.
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Reference: Letter of Support for Highway (57), Dykesville North to STH (42)

Dear Governor Thompson:
Senator Lasee:

Gentlemen, my letter on behalf of the Door County Sheriff's Department represents support for the Enumeration of the STH (57) project from Dykesville North to STH (42). A trip from Green Bay North towards Door County on STH (57) will have a four lane highway into Dykesville which is already enumerated. Then the sixteen mile two lane road connecting with the four lane highway for six miles at the intersection with STH (42) into Sturgeon Bay. It appears that the same information to justify enumeration of the four lanes coming into Dykesville would only be self explanatory in justifying completing the highway to connect the next sixteen miles with the four lane highway South of Sturgeon Bay.

The traffic has increased year by year on this stretch of highway to the point that during peak travel times safety is an issue for the motorists. We look at the number of vehicles using this highway for a tourist season that exceeds six months. During this time of the year we mix heavy truck traffic, large camping units, vehicles towing large boats, passenger cars and farm equipment. The highway is quite often showing long lines of traffic flowing North and South creating agitated and anxious drivers attempting to pass as the speed limit of their vehicles slows below the posted limit.

Highway conditions through this section of STH (57) provides very little opportunity to pass slower traffic due to the extended length of the vehicles that stay behind lead vehicles creating the slowdown. Our experience on the size of the vehicles traveling this stretch of

highway makes passing more difficult. The camping units being towed are larger, the boats being towed are larger and the farm equipment is larger, quite often sticking out onto the blacktop portion of the road as they run down the shoulder.

People in the business of letting people know that Door County exists have done an excellent job of getting the word out. Its pretty hard to travel anywhere in the United States that people have not heard of or experienced coming into Door County. The people who travel to what has been called the Jewel of Wisconsin, Door County, come by highways designed to carry traffic with a volume much less than we see today.

As previously mentioned, the plans to put four lanes of traffic to Dykesville had to be justified by the volume of traffic and safety, these people do not stop or end their journey in Dykesville, they continue North on STH (57). To complete this journey they will be traveling the sixteen miles on two lanes of traffic after they leave Dykesville. Our accident statistics for the STH (57) proposed enumeration sadly may be justified by the fatal accident rate that has come to pass in the first seven months of this year. In this time frame we have had three separate accidents on STH (57) in the projected enumeration area, killing four people, involving eleven vehicles. This does not include 42 traffic accident reports with 23 persons injured on this section of highway since January 1, 1996.

We have already passed the point of justification for this project. I realize funding is something that makes these projects something off in the future. To anticipate that if the project was enumerated today and it would take fifteen years to begin building the highway is the creating of a nightmare for the travelers coming and going in Door County. I would urge that this project be enumerated and alternative ways of funding new highways be looked at.

I have included some of our local accident data sheets to show accidents on this section of STH (57) we ask for enumeration. Thanks for your time in listening and reading our concerns as we attempt to improve on our highway system coming into Door County.

Sincerely,



Charles G. Brann
Sheriff of Door County

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DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
BY MONTH ACCIDENTS
FOR 1/01/96 TO 7/22/96
REPORT OF ALL ACCIDENTS

F

GRID #1: NASEWAUPEE

ST. DESC #1: 42/57

MONTH	PD	PI	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	7	2	1	10
FEBRUARY	4	3	0	7
MARCH	5	1	0	6
APRIL	8	2	0	10
MAY	11	0	0	11
JUNE	14	0	0	14
JULY	8	2	0	10
AUGUST	6	3	0	9
SEPTEMBER	2	1	0	3
OCTOBER	12	0	0	12
NOVEMBER	18	1	0	19
DECEMBER	4	0	0	4

TOTAL ACCIDENTS

99

1570

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DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
BY MONTH ACCIDENTS
FOR 1/01/91 TO 7/22/96
REPORT OF ALL ACCIDENTS

E

GRID #1: NASEWAUPEE

ST. DESC #1: STH57

MONTH	PD	PI	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	3	1	0	4
FEBRUARY	3	2	0	5
MARCH	4	3	0	7
APRIL	6	1	0	7
MAY	10	2	1	13
JUNE	1	0	0	1
JULY	1	1	0	2
AUGUST	2	2	0	4
SEPTEMBER	3	1	0	4
OCTOBER	6	1	0	7
NOVEMBER	16	1	0	17
DECEMBER	2	1	0	3
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	57	16	1	74

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DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
BY MONTH ACCIDENTS
FOR 1/01/91 TO 7/22/96
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GRID #1: GARDNER

ST. DESC #1: STH57

MONTH	PD	PI	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	8	0	0	8
FEBRUARY	4	0	1	5
MARCH	1	0	0	1
APRIL	1	0	0	1
MAY	1	1	0	2
JUNE	3	2	0	5
JULY	1	1	0	2
AUGUST	1	2	0	3
SEPTEMBER	2	1	0	3
OCTOBER	1	0	0	1
NOVEMBER	8	1	0	9
DECEMBER	3	1	0	4
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	34	9	1	44

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DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
BY MONTH ACCIDENTS
FOR 1/01/91 TO 7/22/96
REPORT OF ALL ACCIDENTS

GRID #1: BRUSSELS

ST. DESC #1: STH57

MONTH	PD	PI	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	11	1	0	12
FEBRUARY	11	0	0	11
MARCH	6	0	0	6
APRIL	7	0	0	7
MAY	8	5	0	13
JUNE	14	6	0	20
JULY	6	2	1	9
AUGUST	9	3	0	12
SEPTEMBER	4	4	0	8
OCTOBER	9	4	0	13
NOVEMBER	11	1	0	12
DECEMBER	5	4	1	10
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	101	30	2	133

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DOOR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
BY MONTH ACCIDENTS
FOR 1/01/89 TO 7/22/96
REPORT OF ALL ACCIDENTS

P.

GRID #1: UNION

ST. DESC #1: STH57

MONTH	PD	PI	FATAL	TOTAL
JANUARY	12	4	0	16
FEBRUARY	10	5	0	15
MARCH	8	2	1	11
APRIL	6	3	0	9
MAY	14	2	0	16
JUNE	11	2	0	13
JULY	11	4	0	15
AUGUST	9	6	0	15
SEPTEMBER	15	4	0	19
OCTOBER	14	1	0	15
NOVEMBER	29	2	0	31
DECEMBER	11	2	0	13
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	150	37	0	188



State Representative
DAVE HUTCHISON

Presentation Summary

State Representative Dave Hutchison (R-Dyckesville)

Thank you, Gov. Thompson, Sen. Lasee and commission members for your interest and patience as our delegation from Door County expressed its obvious desire to connect Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay with a modern four lane highway.

I would just like to take a few more minutes of your time to summarize what has been said here and leave you with a few closing thoughts.

1. Local government
2. Schools
3. Regional planning
4. Business
5. Economic Development
6. Tourism.
7. Safety and Law Enforcement

8. State Government--The state of Wisconsin has already heavily invested in Door County. Door County has five state parks, the most of any county in the state.

The state has invested a tremendous amount in recent years in bridges, highways, a very successful development zone and just last year, the Main Street program.

Door County is not only the number one tourism attraction in Wisconsin, Midwest Living magazine perennially ranks it at the top in the entire Midwest. Because of this popularity, Door County has the number one sales tax collectin per capita in the state.

As a result of the state's investment--despite the hit the county took because of Defense Dept. cuts in shipbuilding--Door County is alive and on a definite economic upswing.

There is just one main barrier to reaching its full potential: Hy. 57. As someone pointed out: Door County is an island and Hy. 57 is the concrete ferry.

Tourism is the county's main business and Hy. 57 is very important to its continued success.

Economic Development in the county and especially Sturgeon Bay is even more dependent on a four lane highway.

Tourism Director Moose Speeros said recently after a trip to Europe: Wisconsin has certain brand images that are know throughout the world, including the Bucks, Brewers, Packers and DOOR COUNTY!

Highway 57 isn't a highway ending in a dead end. Wisconsin needs this backbone highway leading to one of the Midwest's most popular destinations. And we it need as soon as possible!