

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15

**VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF
COLONY AVENUE (U.S. HIGHWAY 45) AND PLANK ROAD (RACINE COUNTY
HIGHWAY A) IN THE VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE, RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation ("WisDOT") solicited feedback from the Village of Yorkville on its proposed construction of a roundabout at the intersection of U.S Highway 45 ("US 45" or "Colony Avenue") and Racine County Highway A ("CTH A" or "Plank Road") in the Village of Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, construction of a roundabout at this intersection would result in the elimination of the sole effective point of access for agricultural vehicles to and from the property located at 216 North Colony Avenue, which would require those agricultural vehicles to use other points of access along US 45, which are more difficult for agricultural vehicles to navigate and as a consequence more dangerous to the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, this intersection was recently improved at significant expense to taxpayers and inconvenience to affected landowners as part of a highway reconstruction project in 2018, which included the reduction of visual obstructions for the traveling public but has not been afforded sufficient opportunity to test its effectiveness in reducing the frequency of vehicular crashes at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the recent elimination of the four-way stop control at this intersection in favor of a two-way stop control has created confusion amongst the traveling public, which has not been given an adequate opportunity to improve with time and familiarity; and

WHEREAS, the recent elimination of rumble strips on east- and westbound CTH A at this intersection have increased the risk of severe vehicular accidents there; and

WHEREAS, in order to construct a roundabout at that location, WisDOT would need to acquire additional land by eminent domain at significant expense to taxpayers and inconvenience to affected landowners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth above, the Yorkville Village Board hereby registers its opposition to WisDOT's planned roundabout at the intersection of US 45 and CTH A, and urges that this proposed, unnecessary construction be reconsidered in favor of less impactful solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator/Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to WisDOT, the Racine County Public Works Department and State legislators representing the Village of Yorkville.

This Resolution was adopted by the Yorkville Village Board on April 11, 2022.

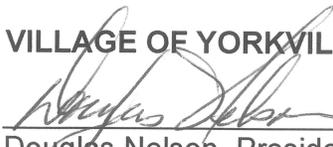
VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE

Ayes: 5

Nays: Ø

Abstentions: Ø

Absences: Ø

By: 
Douglas Nelson, President

Attest: 
Michael McKinney, Administrator/Clerk

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RE: Project: I.D. 2430-08-00/70
Project Location: USH 45
N of 7th Ave to STH 20
County: Racine
Facility Type: Roundabout

Ms. Sanford:

Please find attached Yorkville Village Board Resolution 2022-15 opposing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's proposed roundabout at the intersection of Colony Avenue (U.S. Highway 45) and Plank Road (Racine County Highway A) in the Village of Yorkville. This resolution was adopted last evening. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael McKinney
Administrator/Clerk

CC: Robin Vos, Speaker, Wisconsin State Assembly
Van Wanggaard, Wisconsin State Senator, District 21
Julie Anderson, Director, Racine County Public Works and Development Services