

**Resolution # 13-R-18**  
**Interstate 41 Public Safety Resolution**

Submitted by:

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Referred To: Municipal Services Committee

**Whereas**, in the 1960's US-41 was constructed in its current location as a four-lane divided highway between Appleton and DePere and in the 1970's US-41 in the Appleton area attained freeway status with the removal of all intersecting crossroads.

**And Whereas**, in 1992 US-41 between Breezewood Lane and CTH OO/STH 15 was upgraded to six lanes and in 2015 US-41 attained official Interstate status in Wisconsin and the speed limit in the Fox Cities area was increased to 70mph. In 2015/2016 Interstate 41 from DePere to Howard was upgraded to six lanes.

**And Whereas**, the current four lane 23 mile segment between CTH OO/STH 15 and Scheuring Road creates a bottleneck between two six lane segments.

**And Whereas**, I-41 is outdated and doesn't meet current design standards for the volumes of traffic and a 70mph speed limit and average daily traffic in 2015 was 55,600 vehicles per day and 63,000 in 2016, which is a yearly increase of 11.7%

**And Whereas**, there are a high number of crashes that occur weekly and often times daily, which causes injuries, fatalities, delays, costly vehicle damage, infrastructure damage, costly and dangerous cleanup activities for emergency, state, county, and local agencies and staff.

**And Whereas**, I-41 is designated on the national Primary Freight Network due to the sheer number of trucks that transport products into and out of the region. I-41 is a crucial commuter route for the much-needed Northeast Wisconsin workforce, as well as promoting tourism to the area.

**And Whereas**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has recognized that the existing facility is failing and have plans to spend \$1 million in 2018 to 2021 to design for improvements to five interchanges and \$3 million to design surface improvements. It is important to note that construction funding for these design projects has not yet been scheduled.

**And Whereas**, the East Central Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fox Cities Urbanized Area and has had the expansion of I-41 recommendation in the required and adopted MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. ECWRPC Transportation Committee has adopted a resolution on July 27, 2018 with the same recommendation described below.

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** the City of Appleton does formally request the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) plan, design, and expand Interstate 41 (I-41) to 6 lanes between WIS 15 in Outagamie County and Scheuring Road in Brown County as soon as possible., and

**Be it Further Resolved,** that the City of Appleton Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, WisDOT Secretary of Transportation, Outagamie County Highway Commissioner