

RESOLUTION #2025-10-08

Resolution Supporting the Designation of the Great Sauk State Trail within the limits of the Town of Excelsior and supporting Sauk County's submittal of an application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2026-2030 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle

Resolved by the Town of Excelsior Town Board of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

BACKGROUND: The Sauk County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Great Sauk State Trail Master Plan in July 2024. The Plan identifies a preferred and alternate route that connects the built trail in the Sauk Prairie area to the 400 State Trail in Reedsburg. The Plan intends that the final construction of the trail will accommodate a 10-12 foot bituminous paved shared-use transportation facility that will be physically separated from vehicular traffic as much as possible. One of the project goals, as expressed in the plan, is to provide a regional recreational trail experience connecting multiple communities; however, where the trail is located in incorporated areas, it is anticipated that the trail will also serve as an alternative transportation option to traditional vehicular options to access local destination businesses and attractions by residents and recreational trail users alike.

The planning process that led to the development of the Great Sauk State Trail Master Plan included a significant amount of involvement from the affected municipalities, state agencies, and other stakeholder groups to develop, review, and refine the plan. The plan identified Sauk County as the primary sponsor of the planning process and continued plan implementation through coordination with affected municipalities and state agencies, leading to a fully constructed trail.

Specifically, the plan more particularly identifies a route and recommendations by segment. This resolution, more particularly, applies to the North Freedom Segment, attached in map form in Appendix A.

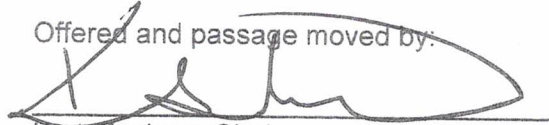
The Town of Excelsior accepts the preferred and alternate North Freedom Trail Route as depicted in Appendix A and recognizes that the Great Sauk State Trail implements Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 1.11, 84.01(35), 84.60, and 85.02 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 400 which requires, " ...due consideration to establishing bikeways and pedestrian ways in all new highway construction and reconstruction projects."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Excelsior accepts the preferred and alternate Great Sauk State Trail route for the North Freedom Segment as depicted in Appendix A and recognizes that the Great Sauk State Trail project implements Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 1.11, 84.01(35), 84.60, and 85.02 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 400 which required that, " ...due consideration to establishing bikeways and pedestrian ways in all new highway construction and reconstruction projects."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Excelsior supports Sauk County's submittal of an application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2026-2030 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle.

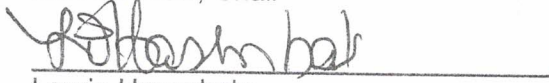
Approved by the Town of Excelsior Board on October 8, 2025

Offered and passage moved by:



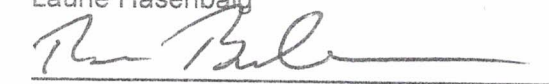
Kurt Muchow, Chair

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent



Laurie Hasenbalg

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent



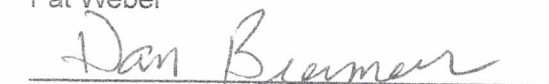
Ronald Bula

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent



Pat Weber

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent



Dan Biermeir

☒ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent