

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT RE: CTH V Reconstruction Application

Columbia County has submitted cost-sharing applications for the resurfacing of County Trunk Highway (CTH) V for the past two years and was unsuccessful both years. This year, the Highway Commissioner is submitting the application again but to a different program in hopes that it will be funded this time. He has stated that letters of support from residents along CTH V or that use CTH V will increase the likelihood of funding.

Letters/emails should be **addressed to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation** and **submitted to Don Nichols at: donald.nichols@columbiacountywi.gov** no later than **October 24th**.

Feel free to use the sample letter below and/or any of the sample talking points for your own letter or make it entirely personal to you. It can be as brief or lengthy as you'd like

SAMPLE LETTER:

To whom it may concern at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation,

I'm writing to ask you to fund Columbia County's STP Local Cost Sharing application for County Trunk Highway (CTH) V in the Town of Dekorra. It has been 30 years since any major work was completed on this road, which is evident in the deteriorating condition of the road.

Frequent flooding of areas of the roadway have not helped its condition. Additionally increased traffic on the road from cars, pedestrians, bicyclists, and ATV/UTV enthusiasts coupled with a narrow roadway and shoulder make "sharing the road" extremely difficult and even dangerous at times.

As a Dekorra resident who lives along and uses this highway frequently, I am asking you to please prioritize Columbia County's application for CTH V.

Sincerely,

SAMPLE TALKING POINTS:

- County Highway V is seeing an increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and ATV/UTV use, and with narrow shoulders, this poses a safety hazard
- Traffic has increased throughout CTH V
- The road frequently floods (if you live in one of the homes most affected, share your personal experience!)
- Visitors use Hwy V to access both Lake Wisconsin and the Wisconsin River as well as businesses along the highway
- It has been 30 years since the roadway last had any major work completed
- The deteriorating road is hard on vehicles
- Share how you personally use CTH V (work, to access the water, scenic drives, to visit friends and/or relatives, etc)