CITY OF LAKE ELMO WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 93-42

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING EVALUATION OF ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR COUNTY ROAD 10 AROUND, RATHER THAN THROUGH, ARMSTRONG LAKE

WHEREAS, the Washington County Public Works Department (WCPWD) has proposed building a four lane divided highway through Armstrong Lake in the Cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale generally along the present alignment of County Road 10 (the "through the lake" route; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees that the road in this area in bad condition and needs to be reconstructed; and

WHEREAS, the WCPWD has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), and provided comments for this project which names the Washington County Board of Commissioners as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for this project; and,

WHEREAS, this Council accepts the comments relating to the EAW as to the study; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that said EAW, in only relating to the reengineering of an existing roadway, did not include full consideration of other feasible and prudent roadways and that a decision on an alternative route affects the County Road infrastructure and that any choice of alternative route should be a decision of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that this road construction should fully recognize the impact on the environment of such a route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, as RGU for this project, re-examine the aspect of alternative routes on their road infrastructure, and if feasible, include a study of these alternatives routes - north or south of Armstrong Lake in an amended EAW.