City of Lake Elmo Washington County, Minnesota

Resolution 2001-94

A Resolution Declining Acceptance of and Participation in the TH 36 Corridor Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Lake Elmo City Council has reviewed the TH 36 Corridor Management Plan dated May, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Elmo City Council continues to disagree with the Inter Regional Corridor Designation of Highway 36; and

WHEREAS, Highway 36 is the only Trunk Highway located entirely within the seven county metropolitan area that has received the designation of an Inter Regional Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo objects to the negative impact on the character of communities located along the TH 36 corridor in the State of Minnesota for the sole benefit of providing rapid access to the State of Wisconsin by commuter traffic; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists an alternate access to the State of Wisconsin less than ten miles from TH 36; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo does not believe that all safety aspects are properly addressed at the closing of so many access points.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Elmo will not support the TH 36 Corridor Management Plan for the following reasons:

- 1. The City of Lake Elmo was not given the opportunity to respond to the designation of TH 36 as a Inter Regional Corridor.
- 2. Closing access to TH 36 within the City of Lake Elmo will prove harmful to the City's residents and businesses.
- 3. Adequate access to Western Wisconsin is available to commuting traffic less then ten miles from TH 36.

- 4. A Parkway Design, with a speed limit not to exceed 45 miles per hour, would aid in sustaining the rural ambiance Lake Elmo and other communities along the corridor continually strive for.
- 5. Lake Elmo supports the communities that have asked that TH 36 be designated and designed as a Parkway, with a speed limit not to exceed forty-five miles per hour, and will encourage through distribution of this resolution support for this designation.

Adopted by the Lake Elmo City Council this 16th day of October, 2001.

Lee Hunt, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Kueffner, City Administrator