

Resolution requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation develop additional project alternatives for the Highway 53 Corridor Study that maintain on-street parking and add bicycle facilities.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is advancing the Highway 53 Corridor Study within the jurisdiction of the City of La Crosse, from King Street to La Crosse Street; and

WHEREAS, the corridor affected by the Highway 53 Corridor Study serves local businesses, residents, and visitors, and on-street parking is an important component of access, economic vitality, and neighborhood livability; and

WHEREAS, safe and convenient bicycle facilities are essential to providing transportation choices, improving safety for all roadway users, and advancing local and state goals related to sustainability, public health, and multimodal transportation; and

WHEREAS, maintaining on-street parking while adding bicycle accommodations can support complete streets principles by balancing the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to ensure that the Highway 53 Corridor Study reflects community priorities and considers design alternatives that minimize negative impacts while enhancing safety and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, additional design alternatives may exist that preserve on-street parking and incorporate dedicated or protected bicycle facilities without compromising the overall function and safety of the roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that WisDOT is hereby respectfully requested to develop and evaluate additional project alternatives for the Highway 53 Corridor Study that:

1. Maintain existing on-street parking to the greatest extent practicable; and
2. Add safe, clearly defined bicycle facilities, such as buffered or protected bike lanes, shared-use paths, or other context-appropriate bicycle accommodations; and
3. Are consistent with complete streets principles and responsive to local land use, business access, and neighborhood character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council requests the opportunity to review and provide input on such additional alternatives prior to the selection of a preferred alternative for the Highway 53 Corridor Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to WisDOT and to other appropriate state and regional transportation officials.