

**RESOLUTION PETITIONING  
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AID  
BY**

**The Common Council of the City of La Crosse  
La Crosse County, Wisconsin**

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin hereinafter referred to as the sponsor, being a municipal body corporate of the State of Wisconsin, is authorized by Wis. Stat. §114.11 (1973), to acquire, establish, construct, own, control, lease, equip, improve, maintain, and operate an airport, and

WHEREAS, the sponsor desires to develop or improve the La Crosse Regional Airport, La Crosse County, Wisconsin,

**"PETITION FOR AIRPORT PROJECT"**

WHEREAS, the foregoing proposal for airport improvements has been referred to the city plan commission for its consideration and report prior to council action as required by Wis. Stat. §62.23(5) (1973), and

WHEREAS, airport users have been consulted in formulation of the improvements included in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of this petition in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.33(2) (1973) as amended, and a transcript of the hearing is transmitted with this petition, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that a petition for federal and (or) state aid in the following form is hereby approved:

The petitioner, desiring to sponsor an airport development project with federal and state aid or state aid only, in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws, respectfully represents and states:

1. That the airport, which it is desired to develop, should generally conform to the requirements for a Primary Commercial type airport as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. The character, extent, and kind of improvements desired under the project are as follows: Decommission Runway 04/22; Rehabilitate/Reconstruct Runway 13/31; Rehabilitate Aircraft Rescue Firefighting facility; Rehabilitate/Reconstruct Taxiway 'B'; Rehabilitate/Reconstruct Taxiway 'A'; Light/Mark/Remove Obstructions; Airport Drainage Improvements; Rehabilitate Terminal Building; Rehabilitate Terminal Internet Fiber Optic System; Rehabilitate Terminal Building Generator; Rehabilitate Terminal Outbound Baggage Handling Equipment; Rehabilitate Jet Bridges; Rehabilitate/Reconstruct Aprons; Acquire Equipment - Runway Closure Devices; Rehabilitate/Expand Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building; Construct Sand Storage Building; Acquire Snow Removal Equipment; Acquire Friction Measuring Equipment; Rehabilitate/Upgrade Airfield Lighting, Signage, and NAVAID; Rehabilitate Terminal Parking Lot; Acquire Land/Easements for Approaches; Prepare Hangar Site Development; Acquire Equipment - Airport Sweeper; Acquire Security Equipment/Install Fencing; clear and maintain runway approaches as stated in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55.06(3) (1997); and any necessary related work.
3. That the airport project, which your petitioner desires to sponsor, is necessary for the following reasons: to meet the existing and future needs of the airport.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the improvements petitioned for as listed will be funded individually or collectively as funds are available, with specific project costs to be approved as work is authorized, the proportionate cost of the airport development projects described above which are to be paid by the sponsor to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) to be held in trust for the purposes of the project; any unneeded and unspent balance after the project is completed is to be returned to the sponsor by the Secretary; the sponsor will make available any additional monies that may be found necessary, upon request of the Secretary, to complete the project as described above;

the Secretary shall have the right to suspend or discontinue the project at any time additional monies are found to be necessary by the Secretary, and the sponsor does not provide the same; in the event the sponsor unilaterally terminates the project, all reasonable federal and state expenditures related to the project shall be paid by the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor is required by Wis. Stat. §114.32(5) (1971) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds granted by the United States under the Federal Airport and Airway Improvement Act, and is authorized by law to designate the Secretary as its agent for other purposes.

**"DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS SPONSOR'S AGENT"**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the sponsor that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such in matters relating to the airport development project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed project whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise; and particularly, to accept, receive receipt for and disburse federal monies or other monies, either public or private, for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the airport; and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease, or eminent domain under Wis. Stat. §32.02 (1995); and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator, contractor or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

FURTHER, the sponsor requests that the Secretary provide, per Wis. Stat. §114.33(8)(a) (1971), that the sponsor may acquire the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary to complete the aforesaid project.

**"AIRPORT OWNER ASSURANCES"**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sponsor agrees to maintain and operate the airport in accordance with certain conditions established in Wis. Admin. Code Trans §55.06(2) (1997), or in accordance with sponsor assurances enumerated in a federal grant agreement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Mayor, City Clerk, or Airport Director be authorized to sign and execute the agency agreement authorized by this resolution.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY: Tamra Dickinson  
Council Member/Aviation Board Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Nikki Elsen, Clerk of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution introduced at a regular meeting of the Common City Council on November 14, 2024, adopted by a majority vote, and recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

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Nikki Elsen, City Clerk

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on November 14, 2024.*

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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*