

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RACINE
RELATIVE TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF ACCESS TO THE RACINE CENTRAL BUSINESS
DISTRICT AND ENVIRONS**

WHEREAS, the central business district of the City of Racine and its environs, lying on the shoreline of Lake Michigan, contains within its area key centers of activity important to residents not only of the City of Racine, but the entirety of Racine County, including the downtown shopping district, the Racine County Courthouse and Racine City Hall, the Racine Small Boat Harbor, and cultural facilities such as the Racine Art Museum and Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine is engaged in land use redevelopment efforts in the central City area, including the Root River Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, downtown Racine lies approximately nine miles east of IH-94; and

WHEREAS, safe, efficient, and rapid, ready highway access to the central Racine area is critical to the ultimate success of that area; and

WHEREAS, at the present time rapid, ready access to the central Racine area is impeded by a lack of traffic carrying capacity as well as excessive marginal land access to key arterial street and highway facilities that lead to that area; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to set in motion a cooperative transportation planning process to address ways in which these impediments to rapid, ready access to the downtown Racine area can be addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

FIRST: That the City Commissioner of Public Works work cooperatively with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and that Commission's Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning and Advisory Committee on Racine County Jurisdictional Highway System Planning, in an effort to identify ways in which more rapid, ready access to the central Racine

area can be provided, all with a view toward the promulgation of system planning level recommendations in a forthcoming new regional transportation plan scheduled for completion in 2015.

SECOND: That the City Commissioner of Public Works, upon completion of the regional plan, develop and submit to the Common Council a proposal to refine and detail the traffic access improvement ideas identified in the regional plan, all with a view toward preparing a specific action plan and implementation program for consideration by the Common Council, Racine County, and neighboring cities and villages within the greater Racine area.

The foregoing resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Racine on the _____ day of _____ 2014, with the vote being _____ ayes; _____ nays.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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