

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF ELKHART, INDIANA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017- 209

RESOLUTION OF THE ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS Elkhart County leads the State of Indiana in job creation;

WHEREAS Elkhart County relies heavily on good transportation connection with our State Capital and within and for our regional economy;

WHEREAS the immediate completion of US 31 as a "stop light free" limited access freeway between South Bend and Indianapolis is critical to Elkhart County's future economic well-being;

WHEREAS there remain over 200 direct access driveways and 100 intersections, all of which constitute a serious safety hazard for the traveling public, on the unimproved parts of US 31;

WHEREAS the economic vitality and productivity of the entire North Central Indiana Region depend on a safe, high speed, durable highway transportation route to our State Capital;

WHEREAS HB 1002 has provided the appropriate funding stream to pay for the needed improvements on US 31;

WHEREAS completion of the US 31 Freeway Project will result in 1,200 fewer accidents and 15 fewer fatalities each year upon final completion; and

Whereas the proposed US 31 Freeway Project is projected to generate 1,190 jobs, \$366 million in economic output, and \$212 million in personal income to residents of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana and the Elkhart County Council:

That we urge the Honorable Eric Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, and the Honorable Joseph McGuinness, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation, to immediately begin completion of US 31 between SR 38 in Hamilton County and US 30 in Marshall County as a "stop light free" limited access freeway without "J Turns."

RESOLVED this 10th day of June, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY
OF ELKHART, INDIANA



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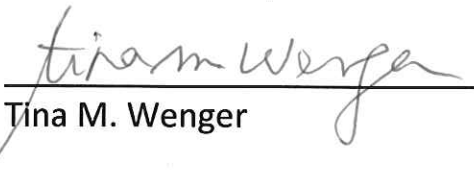
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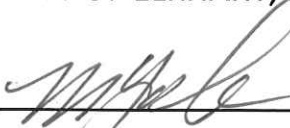
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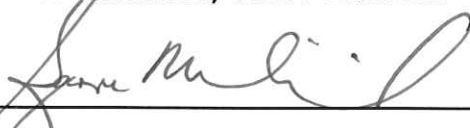
Pauline E. Graff, Elkhart County Auditor

RESOLVED this 12th day of June, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF ELKHART, INDIANA

By: 
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By: 
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By: 
Suzanne Weirick, Member

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