

STATE OF WISCONSIN

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

WAUKESHA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 92

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING
FULL BARRIER GATES
AT THE
GIFFORD ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING

WHEREAS, the Gifford Road railroad crossing is the main entrance to the Village from the north and serves a large volume of traffic entering from State Trunk Highway 16, 100 yards north of the crossing, including fire and emergency service vehicles and school buses; and

WHEREAS, the crossing is in a densely populated residential area with many homes within 100 yards of the crossing; and

WHEREAS, a large volume of through traffic crosses this Gifford Road railroad crossing, as it is part of a convenient and direct link between State Trunk Highway 16 and State Trunk Highway 67, and between State Trunk Highway 16 and Interstate 94; and

WHEREAS, the Gifford Road railroad crossing provides access not only to residential areas, but also to the commercial entities in the Village, and to the Oconomowoc Lake Club; and

WHEREAS, train traffic has increased significantly in the last 5 years (now 25-30 trains daily) and is projected to continue to increase and will serve the high-speed passenger connection between Milwaukee and Madison; and

WHEREAS, each train blows its horn four times entering the crossing, causing continual disturbance and decreasing the quality of life in a residential area; and

WHEREAS, today's vehicles with air conditioning, stereo, and interior sound insulation renders train horns of limited warning value; and

WHEREAS, vision is severely limited at the southerly approach to the crossing due to large trees and vegetation on privately owned land; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the high volume of motorist traffic, the Gifford Road railroad crossing is traversed by approximately 13 to 20 school buses each school day; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to afford the greatest safety to motorists and pedestrians, including school buses; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads has visited the site and agrees with the feasibility and desirability of a full barrier crossing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Oconomowoc Lake requests that the Office of Railroad Commissioner for the State of Wisconsin designate the Gifford Road crossing as a "quiet zone" and provide the funding and technical assistance to install a full barrier crossing at the Gifford Road crossing.

Passed and Approved this 21st day of August, 2000.

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Raymond O. Foster Jr
Raymond O. Foster, Village President

ATTEST:

Barbara Stern
Barbara Stern, Clerk-Treasurer