RESOLUTION 01-2008

PINK LADY RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF RAIL SERVICE TO SAUK COUNTY

Whereas, continuation of active rail service is vital to the Sauk County economy, both industrial and agriculture, and further economic development is in large degree dependent upon reliable freight rail service, and

Whereas, the Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission has, since its 1988 establishment, consistently supported the continuation and expansion of rail service, and preservation of all rail corridors in Sauk County, and

Whereas, the future of energy resources makes rail service a vital transportation option for the future of agriculture and industrial needs in Sauk County, and

Whereas, the Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission has always supported the link through Badger Army Ammunition Plant, to serve the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac region now and in the future, and as an important option in the event of the bridge at Merrimac becoming unserviceable, to maintain a connector to all the Sauk County rail system via Mazomanie, and

Whereas, the villages of Sauk City and Prairie du Sac desire to convert the present Stateowned right-of-way to the rails-to-trails program, and

Whereas, the Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission believes it is imperative to maintain future rail service to Sauk City and Prairie du Sac as well as northern Sauk County, and

Whereas, the reconstruction of U.S. Highway 12 presents an ideal time to consider the future alignment of rail-right-of-way to permit this through route from Mazomanie to northern reaches of Sauk County, to Reedsburg, Rock Springs, North Freedom and Baraboo, for their present and future rail service needs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission, meeting in regular session, that the Commission hereby expresses its support for the following concepts;

A. The Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission goes on record as supporting the development of an option of through rail service via Badger Army Ammunition Plant and around the edge of the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac communities to link the current line between Madison and Reedsburg through Mazomanie and Sauk City, and

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B. The Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission continues to support the acquisition by Wisconsin Department Of Transportation of the rail line through Badger Army Amunition Plant as a rail easement over Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources land, and is opposed to any transfer of the rail line from public ownership, and

C. The Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission would support the rails-to-trails concept on the present right-of-way through Sauk City and Prairie du Sac, when a plan of service on such an alternate right-of-way is established around the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac communities, so as not to harm the future of rail service to the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac area or the balance of Sauk County.

For consideration by the Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission at their regular scheduled meeting on April 8, 2008.

Moved and passed unanimously, April 8, 2008 Pink Lady Rail Transit Commission meeting.

Richard Goddard, Chairman

Virgit Kasper, Vice Chairman

Dick Whitehurst, Treasurer

Elmer Ellis, Member

John Geoghegan, Member

Mark McIntosh, Member

Doug Kockett, Member