

RESOLUTION #16-2009

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MIDWEST HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTE –
CHICAGO TO THE TWIN CITIES VIA LA CROSSE, WI**

WHEREAS, the route of Chicago to the Twin Cities via La Crosse (La Crescent & Winona, MN) for high speed passenger rail service has been endorsed by the Wisconsin Freight and Rail Passenger Plan offered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, this Plan calls for the frequency of trains to be increase to 6 per day versus the 1 train per day, and,

WHEREAS, the concept of increasing the frequency of trains on this route makes high speed rail a viable alternative to driving for those wishing to travel to the Twin Cities, Madison, Milwaukee, or Chicago because a roundtrip may be accomplished in 1 day; and,

WHEREAS, this increase frequency of trains on the route through La Crosse becomes especially attractive to business travelers and high speed rail then serves as an economic development catalyst; and,

WHEREAS, Eau Claire would like a portion of this rail service as well, but splitting the frequency of the trains so that only 3 go through La Crosse and 3 go through Eau Claire would diminish the feasibility of roundtrip travel, would greatly reduce ridership on both routes and would increase the infrastructure costs in constructing two high speed rail lines; and,

WHEREAS, once the high speed line is placed through La Crosse, it will create a gravitational flow that will create even greater ridership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Trempealeau Board does hereby support the route for high speed passenger trail service between Chicago and the Twin Cities, via La Crosse and the increase of frequency of trains on this route to 6 per day versus the current 1 train per day.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall mail copies of this resolution to Senator Russell Feingold, Senator Herbert Kohl, Representative Ron Kind, Governor Jim Doyle, State Senator Kathleen Vinehout, and State Representative Chris Danou.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2009.

Kurt D. Wood, Village President

Ayes _____ Noes _____

Attest: _____
Vicki L. Freeman, Village Clerk