

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF KENDALL)

RESOLUTION NO: 2004-42

**RESOLUTION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONCERNING ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 47**

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of the United City of Yorkville have determined that there is a need to widen and upgrade Illinois State Route 47, also known as Bridge Street, to maintain a safe and efficient flow of traffic through the City; and

Whereas the City recognizes that the issue of the redesign, reconstruction and/or removal of the retaining wall located adjacent to Route 47 in Downtown Yorkville needs to be addressed by the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

Whereas the ever increasing use of Route 47 by large and heavy vehicles has caused concern for public safety with the congestion caused by these slower moving vehicles and the lack of hard shoulder in many areas to provide a place for said vehicles to move to in order to allow for the passing of emergency vehicles; and

Whereas Route 47 provides the only river crossing within the City making this route very important for the normal movement through the City by its citizens, its public safety personnel, its public works personnel, other city staff and officials, the Fire District and the School District; and

Whereas because Route 47 as a major collector and conduit for moving local, regional, intrastate and interstate traffic, continues to experience traffic increases at rates beyond that created by Yorkville's own growth; and

Whereas the City has determined that it is also imperative to the economic development of Yorkville to keep traffic flowing efficiently on Rt. 47; and

Whereas the City has identified that the improvement of Rt. 47 is imperative to keep traffic flowing efficiently, which is critical to continue attracting the industrial and commercial development required for creating new jobs, retaining existing jobs, and generally strengthening the tax base of the City; and

Whereas IDOT has also recognized the need to widen and upgrade Rt. 47, is in the process of completing Phase I engineering for the section of the highway from just south of IL Rt. 71 to just north of Countryside Parkway within Yorkville, and has begun Phase II engineering on that same section; and

Whereas the City has concerns that with the amount of traffic already present on Rt. 47 that any further delay in completing said project could have a devastating effect on local

businesses and public safety during the construction period and cause major disruption of basic movement through the City:

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council of the United City of Yorkville strongly recommend and request that IDOT and the State of Illinois use all resources available to expedite the current Rt. 47 project planned in Yorkville to complete construction as soon as possible and work with the City to minimize the impact of said project on local citizens and businesses.

Furthermore, the Mayor and City Council strongly recommend and request that IDOT immediately begin the necessary engineering and then construction of widening and upgrading Rt. 47 both north and south of the present project through Kendall County and beyond to I-80 to the south and I-88 to the north.

This resolution passed by the City Council of the United City of Yorkville and authorized by the Mayor this 20th day of October, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October, 2004.

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JOSEPH BESCO

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VALERIE BURD

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PAUL JAMES

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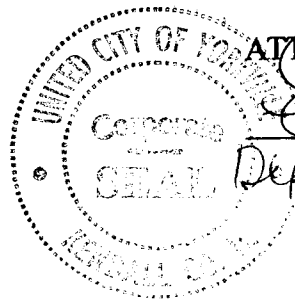
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MAYOR



ATTEST:


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