

OH18 Defense Team
Sample Resolution
11/8/07

A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE

WHEREAS the citizens of the _____ use the east-west road in the Town of Stockton, Portage County, Wisconsin known as Old Highway 18 Road;

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Central Ltd. railroad filed a petition with the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads under §§195.28 and §§195.29, Wisconsin Statutes, for the closure of the public at-grade crossing of its tracks with Old Highway 18 Road (crossing no. 692529E) in the Town of Stockton, Portage County.

WHEREAS Old Highway 18 Road is an important rural minor collector road carrying significant volumes of local bicycle, car, truck, school bus, and farm vehicle traffic, and is an important link for local businesses to the surrounding urban and rural areas;

WHEREAS closing this crossing without providing another road to maintain the access Old Highway 18 Road now provides will worsen public safety as vehicle traffic is forced to use the more dangerous highways of US Highway 10 and County Highway HH;

WHEREAS using the proposed alternate grade-separated crossing .4 miles to the east of Burbank Road on Stockton Road will worsen public safety as this underpass is inadequate to handle some emergency and farm vehicle traffic;

WHEREAS the safety of the rail crossing on Old Highway 18 Road at Burbank Road can be greatly improved by reengineering/rebuilding the intersection and/or by adding automatic signal lights and gates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the _____ recommends the rail crossing at Old Highway 18 Road and Burbank Road remain open to vehicle traffic.

Duly adopted this ____ day of November, 2007 by the _____
by a unanimous vote.