

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, county road agencies of Michigan are responsible for 75% of the state's roads and 52% of the bridges, all of which are vital to Michigan's economic welfare and the safety of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County Road Association just last week learned of a new funding opportunity for "poor" local bridges through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); and

WHEREAS, 59% or over 3,300 bridges in the state under county road agency control are in less than good condition; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA provides funding for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection and construction as part of the IIJA Bridge Improvement Program to modernize bridges and to make them safer for all users; and

WHEREAS, if the State of Michigan were to receive an award from the IIJA Bridge Improvement Program fund that was going to be utilized on structures in Berrien County, the County would have to provide the 20% construction match; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary engineering costs and construction engineering costs would not be assessed against the county; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation revisited its prioritized list of structurally deficient/poor bridges to identify which bridges would be eligible based on Bridge Improvement Program criteria and Berrien County has bridges on the eligible list:

Structure No.	Road Name	Water Course
965	GLENDORA ROAD	E BR GALIEN RIVER
969	SNOW ROAD	HICKORY CREEK
990	HOLLYWOOD ROAD	BIG FEATHER DRAIN
1036	HESS ROAD	GALIEN RIVER
13096	LINCOLN AVE	HICKORY DRAIN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby pledges that if Michigan receives an award from the IIJA Bridge Improvement and selects the bridges listed above for funding, Berrien County will provide 20% of the construction cost as matching funds.

Respectfully submitted
Berrien County Administration Committee

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