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Final Action:

Title: Recommending that the public railroad crossings at Blount Street, Brearly Street and Livingston Street remain open to motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Notes:

Sponsors: David J. Cieslewicz, Marsha A. Rummel and Bridget R. Maniaci

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Attachments:

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development	03/18/2010	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Long-Range Transportation Planning Committee, Plan Commission, Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission, Economic Development Committee					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	04/13/2010	Referred	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE		05/20/2010	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE					
	Notes:	Additional Referrals: Plan Commission, Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission, Economic Development Committee					
1	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE	04/13/2010	Refer	PLAN COMMISSION	04/20/2010	04/26/2010	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the PLAN COMMISSION					
	Notes:						
1	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE	04/13/2010	Refer	PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	04/20/2010	04/27/2010	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION					
	Notes:						

1	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE	04/13/2010	Refer	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	04/20/2010	04/21/2010	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE					
	Notes:						
1	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	04/21/2010	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATI ON PLANNING COMMITTEE	05/20/2010	Pass	
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Her, seconded by Clarke, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:	Recommending that the crossing at Few Street be kept open.					
1	PLAN COMMISSION	04/26/2010	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATI ON PLANNING COMMITTEE	05/20/2010	Pass	
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kerr, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:						
1	PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	04/27/2010	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATI ON PLANNING COMMITTEE	05/20/2010	Pass	
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Bowser, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:						
1	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE	05/20/2010	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIO NS - REPORT OF OFFICER				
	Action Text:	Margaret Bergamini/Tim Gruber moved to adopt the resolution.					
	Notes:	Michael Waidelich (Planning Division) reported that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) recommended adding a resolved clause to the resolution: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison supports the establishment of a new pedestrian, bicycle and limited vehicular access railroad grade crossing to planned Central Park at Few Street, as recommended by the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force." Margaret Bergamini/Tim Gruber moved to adopt the resolution, with the resolved clause added by EDC. Ald. Paul Skidmore asked to be added as a co-sponsor of the resolution. Tim Gruber said that he supports the resolution because closing streets creates more driving, air pollution and disrupts circulation (especially for bicycles and pedestrians). He also said that closing streets could cause economic development efforts in the area to suffer. The LRTPC unanimously recommended adoption of Resolution ID 17861, as amended.					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	06/15/2010					

Text of Legislative File 17861

Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

Recommending that the public railroad crossings at Blount Street, Brearly Street and Livingston Street remain open to motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Body

WHEREAS the Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company (WSOR) has filed a petition with

the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to close three public railroad track crossings owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and operated by the WSOR at Blount Street, Brearly Street and Livingston Street in the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS the 2006 City of Madison Comprehensive Plan includes specific recommendations to maintain and enhance transportation connectivity and provide multiple convenient routes to most community and neighborhood destinations for motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS the 2004 East Rail Corridor Plan provides land use and preliminary design recommendations for long-term development and redevelopment within a planning area bounded generally by Blair Street, East Washington Avenue, the Yahara River and the southern mid-block line of East Wilson Street; and

WHEREAS the 2008 East Washington Avenue Capital Gateway Corridor Plan expands upon the East Rail Corridor Plan to provide revised and more-detailed land use and urban design recommendations to guide future development and redevelopment on the blocks along the north and south frontages of East Washington Avenue between Blair Street and First Street; and

WHEREAS the City of Madison has initiated multiple activities to implement the recommendations of its adopted plans for this portion of the east isthmus, including creation of Tax Incremental Finance District 36, adoption of an ordinance establishing detailed design requirements and guidelines for Urban Design District 8, acceptance of the Final Report of the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan, and hiring consultants to prepare a detailed economic development plan and strategy to promote redevelopment of the area; and

WHEREAS as a result of these and other implementation activities this former industrial corridor is expected to experience significant employment, commercial and residential investment and redevelopment over the coming years; and

WHEREAS successful revitalization of the Capitol Gateway and East Rail Corridors depends to an important degree on creating and maintaining convenient, engaging connections between the multiple types of activities existing and planned within these areas, and between them and the adjacent Williamson Street-Marquette and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods, specifically including maintaining the existing north-south street connections across the isthmus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison recommends that the public railroad track crossings at Blount Street, Brearly Street, and Livingston Street remain open to motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians to provide safe, convenient access and circulation and support existing and planned developments in the East Washington Avenue Capitol Gateway Corridor, the East Rail Corridor and the adjacent neighborhoods.