

Town Hall - Ordinances

GENERAL

RESOLUTION #2008-A

WHEREAS the Town Council of Camden, Carroll County, Indiana wishes to promote economic benefit including but not limited to new jobs, increase in residential building and fresh money to both said Town and said County, and

WHEREAS:

- 1). It is anticipated that the Hoosier Heartland Highway will be completed through Carroll County over the next few years and a narrow window is now open that would provide Carroll County a chance to benefit economically if a companion-project were pursued that would extend SR75 northward about 3 miles to connect with HHH.
2. There is an area near the SR75/HHH connection site adjacent to the N&W Railroad. With sufficient open land available to offer the best opportunity for large-scale industrial/commercial development in Carroll County that could create many new, badly needed jobs.
3. The Town of Camden is prepared to pursue an extension of its municipal water and wastewater services to this site whenever a decision can be made to move ahead with a SR75 Extension Project. An engineering feasibility study has verified such a utility project would be technically feasible and cost justifiable.
4. The SR75 corridor (10 miles either side) between Lebanon, Frankfort, Flora and Camden contains a significant portion of the corn, soybean and pork production in Indiana. There will be major bio-fuel plants located in Frankfort & Clymers, a large Frito-Lay plant serves markets northeast from Frankfort, several automotive suppliers are also located in Frankfort, Lebanon is a fast-growing distribution center, and two large-scale dairy operations are being built near SR75 in Carroll County. All of these operations would benefit from direct access to HHH which would be provided with the companion-project that would extend SR75 northward about three miles to connect with HHH.
5. Heavy-truck traffic originating from these sources is already starting to pass through Carroll County utilizing geo-positioned routes and existing, unimproved county roads, causing damage to these roads and creating very unsafe driving conditions for some county residents.
6. INDOT recognizes that extending SR75 is a worthwhile pursuit for Carroll County, Indiana and in evaluating alternatives to provide connection to HHH/SR75. INDOT is willing to manage the project of extending SR75. This

would be an INDOT managed highway project, but would not be part of the HHH and must be pursued as an LPA project.

7. Without an extension to SR75, Carroll County may well see the HHH passing through the County while realizing very limited economic benefit. This

once-in-a-generation economic development opportunity must become a reality for our children and grandchildren in Carroll County to provide for their greater economic stability.

- 2). Extending municipal utilities northward from Camden would also offer excellent opportunities for new residential development, expanding the Town's footprint in that direction and providing opportunities to grow its population and businesses.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of Camden, Indiana:

A. The Town of Camden fully supports a highway project to extend SR75 northward from Camden (about 3 miles) to connect with SR25/HHH at a grade-separated interchange, and the re-zoning of the land nearby for industrial development.

B. The Town Council of Camden will pursue an extension of its municipal water and wastewater services northward whenever a decision is made to move ahead with this important highway project and land near the SR75/SR25 and when a connection location has been re-zoned for future industrial/commercial development.

C. The Town Council of Camden will fully cooperate with and be active participants in efforts to effectuate said highway project.

Dated: the _____ day of February, 2008.

Town Council of Camden, Indiana

Pete Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Member

Jeffrey Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

Pat Casserly

Clerk-Treasurer