



Resolution No. 2006-117
May 16, 2006

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REMOVING THE
US-23 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT STUDY FROM THE
DEFERRED LIST**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has been moving projects off of the deferred list as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the US-23 freeway is highly congested during both the morning and evening peak times and this peak congestion lasts more than an hour in the morning period and for more than three hours in the evening period; and

WHEREAS, the US-23 freeway serves as an important route for Michigan tourism and the economy connecting Ohio residents with northern Michigan and is congested on Fridays and Sundays; and

WHEREAS, AATA has a federal grant to operate regional commuter service, however, transit service is unable to operate on this route due to the congestion; and

WHEREAS, this route is a major commuter route that currently has a high volume of single occupant vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is committed to managing traffic and congestion using the least amount of resources while providing the greatest number of options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the intergovernmental committee and Transportation Management Area (TMA) responsible for transportation planning in Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, requests that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) work with the Washtenaw County elected officials, planners and road professionals to move the US-23 Study off of the deferred project list.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WATS Policy Committee requests that MDOT, as part of its US-23 roadway improvement study, seriously consider the inclusion of a lane that is dedicated for use by high occupant vehicles and transit during the analysis. WATS also requests that MDOT and the local officials ensure that the new capacity is utilized to carry the maximum number of people in the most efficient manner while having the least amount of impact on water and air quality.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE: