

**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING A CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTION APPROACH FOR**  
**THE DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has adopted Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and is committed to the advancement of CSS nationwide as part of its Vital Few Environmental Streamlining and Stewardship goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vital Few Environmental Streamlining and Stewardship goal sets expectations, measures, and methods for advancing an improved and efficient environmental review process and for demonstrating environmental stewardship. The success of the goal is focused on improving processes that influence outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) included language in the 2005 Federal Highway Bill (SAFETEA-LU) promoting the consideration of the CSS core principles in projects; and

**WHEREAS**, CSS principles include the employment of early, continuous and meaningful involvement of the public and all stakeholders throughout the project development process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation adopted its CSS policy on August 1, 2005 wherein it encourages local agencies to use CSS as a best practice in the development of local projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Division of Transportation is subject to the policies, practices or mandatory design standards of the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the policies, practices or mandatory design standards used for any project should meet the minimum guidance to the maximum extent feasible, but the CSS process provides for the use of nonstandard design when such use best satisfies the concerns of a given situation. Deviations from the Illinois Department of Transportation policies, practices and mandatory design standards require review and approval for nonstandard design through the exception process and should be discussed early in the planning and design process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee of the McHenry County Board and the McHenry County Division of Transportation are ultimately responsible for the safety and integrity of the county transportation system and therefore must make the final decisions regarding any and all aspects of the projects.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the McHenry County Board affirming its support for the consideration of a Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) approach on projects undertaken by the McHenry County Division of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Administrator and the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D., 2009.

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KENNETH D. KOEHLER, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE C. SCHULTZ, County Clerk