

RESOLUTION 99-04

Opposing the Routing of Interstate 69 Through the City of Bloomington

- WHEREAS, extension of Interstate Route 69 through southwest Indiana is now being considered, and various possible routes are being evaluated; and
- WHEREAS, aligning this route along a portion of existing State Road 37 would run I-69 through the incorporated City of Bloomington; and
- WHEREAS, construction of a wide, controlled access road through Bloomington would harm our community by disrupting transportation links, exacerbating a feeling of economic and cultural division and necessitating an expensive duplication of physical and emergency services; and
- WHEREAS, increased commercial development where an interstate passes through an existing community would likely lead to urban sprawl, violating the goals of Bloomington's Growth Policies Plan, and would threaten the economic survival of existing businesses and the revitalization of our downtown; and
- WHEREAS, once completed, I-69 would serve as a major international transportation route channeling greatly increased truck and automobile traffic through Bloomington and significantly adding to the air, water and noise pollution experienced by our community; and
- WHEREAS, as an international interstate, I-69 would serve as a major route for transporting hazardous materials which in a karst environment such as ours increases the likelihood of serious contamination from hazardous material spills; and
- WHEREAS, increased numbers and anonymity of people passing through Bloomington, and more direct linkage to areas of higher criminal and drug activity will likely expose our community to increases in such activity, endangering our citizens and requiring increased expenses on law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS, contact between high-speed interstate traffic and local vehicular and pedestrian traffic at intersections and on local roads would increase the danger to our citizens from traffic accidents and would require increased local expenditures on roads and traffic control; and
- WHEREAS, placement on an interstate would negatively impact Bloomington's quality of life and its economically valuable image as a safe, quiet and culturally unique small town, which has made it a popular retirement community and attractive to many businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council concludes that it would be in the best interests of the people of Bloomington were any extension of Interstate 69 not routed through our community, and that the Council urges all relevant elected officials and state and national agencies to take this into consideration when studying and selecting proposed routes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

TIMOTHY MAYER, President  
Bloomington Common Council

