

RESOLUTION 77-16

TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY
TO INITIATE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE THE
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE #10 OVER THE WHITE RIVER
BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF GOSPORT AND STINESVILLE

WHEREAS, the replacement of Bridge #10 over the White River between the towns of Gosport in Owen County and Stinesville in Monroe County will counter the negative economic impacts incurred when the bridge was destroyed in 1955, and

WHEREAS, no community within a county exists within a vacuum but is affected by and affects its sister cities and towns in every aspect of their daily functionings, and

WHEREAS, the replacement of Bridge #10 will provide a safer link between the Towns of Gosport and Stinesville, provide an impetus to renew economic development within the two aforementioned towns, their immediate environs, and the counties in which they are located, and

WHEREAS, the flow of traffic between the Towns of Gosport and Stinesville will not be blocked by the reconstruction of Bridge #10, since the Texas Ridge Road Bridge, which is over the White River is in use, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Ridge Road Bridge is itself very narrow and a threat to public safety and should be replaced,

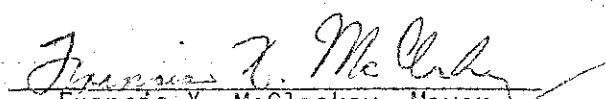
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

We totally concur and are in support of the County Commissioners in initiating the appropriate actions to facilitate the replacement of Bridge #10 over the White River between the Towns of Gosport in Owen County and Stinesville in Monroe County.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5 day of May, 1977.


Thomas O Middleton, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 10 day of May, 1977.


Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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In October, 1955, Bridge #10 over the White River between Gosport and Stinesville was destroyed by fire.

The Region X Planning Commission has recently initiated efforts to secure federal funds through the State Highway Department for reconstruction of the bridge.

This resolution will voice the Common Council's support of the Monroe County Commissioners in initiating appropriate actions to facilitate replacement of Bridge #10. Similar resolutions are being considered by the Town Board of Trustees of Gosport, Stinesville, and Ellettsville, along with the County Commissioners.

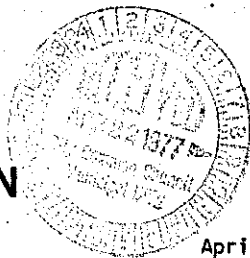
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The meeting will take place at the county courthouse
in Spencer on May 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Middleton
Post Office Box 100
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Dr. Middleton:

Congressman John Myers' aide, Larry Gibbs, who is manager of the Seventh District office in Terre Haute will be in Spencer on May 12 to work with local people on problems and to solicit opinions on legislation that he can forward to Washington.

Mr. Gibbs said he would be pleased to meet with local elected officials to discuss the Gosport bridge and its eventual replacement.

I believe it would be beneficial to the project if elected officials from both Owen and Monroe Counties were there to display to Mr. Gibbs and ultimately to Congressman Myers that the project has bilateral support.

Congressman Myers is on the House Appropriations Committee where he is ranking minority member on the Public Works Subcommittee and his support and assistance on this endeavor may prove invaluable.

I would like to present to Mr. Gibbs signed copies of the resolutions from the two counties and the resolutions from the cities and towns within Region 10 supporting the county commissioners so that he may forward them to Congressman Myers.

I would ask that you try to expedite the passage of your resolution so that copies would be available by May 12 and that you contact the Region 10 office as soon as possible if you would like to meet with Mr. Gibbs in Spencer.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Tolpa
Regional Planner

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Re: Res 77-16

SPENCER EVENING WORLD

A NEWSPAPER DEDICATED TO THE PROGRESS AND BEST INTEREST OF OWEN COUNTY

VOLUME 50

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NUMBER 207

Region 10 To Push For New Bridge At Gosport

Information provided here Monday night indicates a move is once again underway to push for the construction of a new bridge over White River at Gosport... but this time it appears a Federal grant program may give the project better potential.

This week the Spencer Town Board adopted a resolution providing their support for the project which is being spearheaded by the Region 10 Planning Commission.

The resolution provides support for replacement of the old span which burned following a "Halloween prank" in late October 1955. The fire caused the death of Bert Dittmore, a Gosport fireman, and injured nine other men fighting the blaze.

Since that tragedy the subject of rebuilding the bridge has been raised many times but always stumbled when the Commissioners of the two counties, Owen and Monroe, failed to arrive at a payment arrangement.

The latest push by Region 10 has attracted the attention of areas outside the immediately affected area of Gosport. Here in Spencer the board indicated they would be more than glad to support a program which could help the economic growth of Gosport and Stinesville on the Monroe County side of the river. Resolutions similar to one passed here are expected from Gosport, Stinesville and Ellettsville as well as the county commissioners and possibly the Spencer Chamber of Commerce. The material will form a package to be used by Region 10 in their appeal to the State Highway Department in an attempt to have the road at Gosport included as a Federal Aid Secondary highway.

Potentially the plan could fall into a 75 percent Federal Grant program and could, at

least, make the project a possibility from a financial standpoint.

In preparing their resolution the local board indicated the

replacement of the span (bridge #10) between the towns would counter the negative economic impact suffered by Gosport and Stines-

ville since the bridge burned.

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Gosport Bridge

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its sister cities and towns in every aspect of their functioning... The replacement of bridge #10 will provide a safer link between the towns and provide an impetus to renew economic development....

Also the resolution made note of the fact the flow of traffic in the area would not be changed during any construction since the same limited traffic pattern would still be in effect... south from Gosport over the Timber Ridge Bridge (over White River) then east toward Stinesville. The Timber Ridge bridge on county line Road was also noted in the resolution as very narrow and a threat to public safety which should be replaced.

In the past years another attempt was made to span the river by use of a ferry boat and several Gosport civic leaders put considerable work into the

project before it finally died. Now the ferry reportedly rests "somewhere" in a tributary and reportedly has no substantial future.

Gosport Town Board President John King indicated today their board adopted a similar resolution this week and it has been forwarded to Region 10 for further action.

REGION 10
**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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TO: Member Governments
FROM: Region 10 Plan Commission
SUBJECT: Replacement of Bridge #10 between Gosport and
Stinesville
DATE: April 14, 1977

Enclosed is a proposed resolution for each county requesting actions of the State Highway Department leading to the replacement of Bridge #10 between Gosport and Stinesville and model resolutions for towns and cities in support of the county resolutions.

The enclosed are models and may be altered or amended as you believe to be appropriate to your needs.

When resolutions have been passed by both counties and supporting resolutions passed, please return the executed resolutions to the Region 10 Plan Commission and we will forward the complete package to the State Highway Department.

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Enclosures

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the (City Council or Town Board of Trustees) of (Spencer, Gosport, Stinesville, Bloomington, and Ellettsville) totally concur, wholeheartedly approve of, and support the County Commissioners of County for initiating the appropriate actions to facilitate the replacement of Bridge #10 over the White River between the Towns of Gosport in Owen County and Stinesville in Monroe County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____,
1977 by the _____
Indiana.

ATTEST:

REGION 10 PLANNING COMMISSION

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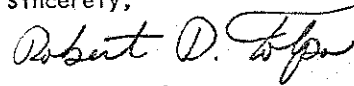
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