

**STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

BEFORE THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A BRIDGE PROJECT
CROSSING THE FOX RIVER
IN THE VICINITY OF OSHKOSH AVENUE AND CONGRESS AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF OSHKOSH
WINNEBAGO, WISCONSIN

FINDING, DETERMINATION AND ORDER

IT APPEARING that this proceeding was initiated by a resolution adopted on December 20, 1973, by the Common Council of the City of Oshkosh, and filed with the Division of Highways pursuant to the provisions of Section 84.11, Wisconsin Statutes, on January 21, 1974; that said petition related to the construction of a bridge project across the Fox River in the City of Oshkosh in Winnebago County; that the said petition, as required by law, stated that the petitioner desires such construction, and that in the opinion of the petitioner such construction is necessary and that it is a bridge project eligible for construction under the provisions of Section 84.11, Wisconsin Statutes; that thereafter and within sixty (60) days the Commission fixed the 4th day of June, 1974 and the Oshkosh City Hall Chambers, City of Oshkosh, as the time and place for a hearing to be held thereon; that the commission gave ten days notice of said hearing by publication on May 7, 1974, and May 28, 1974, in the Oshkosh Northwestern, a newspaper published in the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and by mailing on May 6, 1974, by certified mail a notice of said hearing properly addressed to the Clerk of the City of Oshkosh and to the Winnebago County Clerk in which city and county the bridge project will be located; that the said hearing was duly held at the time and place fixed and all persons desiring to do so were again given an opportunity to appear and to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration of the proceedings had at said hearing and all proceedings had herein and matters pertinent thereto, the Commission

FINDS AND DETERMINES:

1. That all requirements of law which are conditions precedent to the issuance of this Finding, Determination and Order have been duly met;
2. That the construction is necessary;
3. That the location of the bridge project should be on the general location of the present bridge over the Fox River in Oshkosh and Congress Avenues, between Sawyer Street and High Avenue, in the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County.
4. That the bridge project shall include construction of bridging across the Fox River and grading, surfacing, and incidental work that may be necessary to construct the approaches to the bridge; and removal of the existing Oshkosh Avenue/Congress Avenue Bridge;
5. That the length of the bridge portion must necessarily be in excess of 475 feet;
6. That the bridge project is eligible for construction under Section 84.11, Wisconsin Statutes;
7. That the character and kind of bridge most feasible is a double leaf bascule structure with four traffic lanes and with sidewalk on both sides of the crossing;
8. That the estimated cost of such bridge project is \$6,300,000;
9. That the estimated cost of the bridge portion is \$6,000,000;
10. That the portion of the cost of the project to be paid by the City of Oshkosh is one third thereof, estimated to be \$2,100,000;
11. That the portion of the cost of the project to be paid by Winnebago County is one-third thereof, estimated to be \$2,100,000;
12. That the portion of the cost of the project to be paid by the State of Wisconsin is one-third thereof, estimated to be \$2,100,000.

Upon the foregoing,

1. That the petition of the City of Oshkosh by which this proceeding was initiated is ratified, approved, and confirmed;
2. That the construction of the bridge project herein concerned in accordance with and subject to all requirements of law, shall be commenced and shall proceed as soon as may be reasonable, and that, without limitation of the foregoing because of enumeration, surveys, plans, estimates, and layouts shall be prepared, bids advertised for and received, and contracts let and executed in relation thereto;
3. That a certified copy of this Finding, Determination and Order shall be filed on behalf of the Commission by the Vice Chairman thereof with the Clerks of Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh in which the bridge project will be located, and also with the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Finding, Determination and Order is executed at Madison, Wisconsin on June 13, 1977, under its official seal, by the Highway Commission.

/s/ Robert Huber
Chairman

/s/ Joseph Sweda

Commissioner