



Automation Alley®

RES. NO. 200801

Be it resolved by the Automation Alley Board of Directors, that we memorialize the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to support the completion of the Michigan Department of Transportation planning for a second bridge crossing mutually acceptable to: the State of Michigan, the Province of Ontario, the City of Detroit, the City of Windsor, and U.S. and Canadian authorities, which will responsibly plan an option for an additional river crossing in Detroit/Windsor and lead to enhanced security, competition and future growth to economies on both sides of the border.

Whereas, ensuring safe and efficient cross border trade and travel across the Detroit/Windsor border is of critical importance to Automation Alley members.

Whereas, the Automation Alley Board of Directors is aware of the immense size and scope of the U.S./Canada trade relationship.

- US/Canada trade supports 7.1 million US jobs, and 221,500 Michigan jobs
- Michigan exports to Canada totaled \$13.5 billion, representing 61 percent of MI foreign sales
- Canadians made more than 1,239,000 visits to Michigan, spending \$208 million

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation has briefed the Automation Alley Board of Directors on their approach to planning a second border crossing.

Whereas, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Department of Transportation briefed the Automation Alley Government Affairs Committee and the Committee approved a resolution in support of the completion of the Detroit River International Crossing Study.

Whereas, an additional border crossing in Detroit/Windsor will enhance security, competition and future growth to economies throughout Southeast Michigan and Ontario.

Be it resolved by the Automation Alley Board of Directors, that we memorialize the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to support the completion of the Michigan Department of Transportation planning for a second bridge crossing mutually acceptable to the State of Michigan, the Province of Ontario, the City of Detroit, the City of Windsor, and the U.S. and Canadian authorities which will responsibly plan an option for an additional river crossing in Detroit/Windsor and lead to enhanced security, competition and future growth to economies on both sides of the border.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Michigan Legislature, Michigan Members of Congress, and the Governor.

MOTION: Jerry Rush
SECOND: Claudia Killeen
ACTION TAKEN: Approved by voice vote, 19-0
ABSTENTION(S): None
DATE: October 28, 2008
SIGNED:

Mr. Brian G. McGinnity
President
Automation Alley Board of Directors