



RESOLUTION

OF THE AUTOMATION ALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 27, 2010

A resolution regarding the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) and Accompanying State of Michigan Public-Private Partnership Legislation (P3).

WHEREAS Automation Alley represents 1,000 high-technology businesses in the City of Detroit and the surrounding eight county region; and

WHEREAS Automation Alley exists to improve the overall business climate for its members by undertaking action which stimulates economic growth in the technology sector, promotes international trade and provides legislative advocacy for its members; and

WHEREAS the DRIC would create 10,000 construction jobs and more than 30,000 indirect jobs during the construction period in the United States. The DRIC also will help retain 25,000 jobs in Michigan that would be lost without additional crossing capacity and is expected to draw approximately 3,500 jobs into Southeast Michigan from outside the state; and

WHEREAS a Public-Private Partnership will allow for public ownership of the bridge and private financing, construction, operation and maintenance while protecting the public interest; and

WHEREAS Michigan needs legislative authority to enter into the Public-Private Partnership, to enter into an agreement with Canada to build the DRIC and to charge tolls; and

WHEREAS House Bill 4961 will provide for public-private transportation facilities and will authorize public-private agreements;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Automation Alley supports the DRIC project and any legislation that will allow for the construction, charging of tolls and/or creation of a Public-Private Partnership to finance and deliver the DRIC.

MOTION: Wilburn

SECOND: Fenton

APPROVED: Unanimous

ATTESTED:

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Scott M. Goemmel'.

Scott Goemmel, President
Automation Alley Board of Directors