

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS
TO THE EIGHTH (8th) STREET LIFT BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc owns and is responsible for maintenance of the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the northwest pinion gear of the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge has experienced significant movement (off track by approx. 2 inches) due to unknown factors; and,

WHEREAS, the Eighth Street Lift Bridge provides essential transportation services to the public; and

WHEREAS, failure to quickly repair the bridge will likely result in further damage and a long-term closure of the bridge, which would cause a significant delay in public safety response times, significant traffic congestion in Downtown Manitowoc and the potential for impacting shipping/marine traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Infrastructure and the Engineering Division Manager have recommended taking immediate action to repair the bridge so that the bridge remains in a safe operating condition; and,

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §62.15(1b) authorizes waiving of public bidding requirements for the repair and reconstruction of public facilities when determined by resolution that the damage or threatened damage creates an emergency in which the public health or welfare of the City of Manitowoc is endangered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Manitowoc Board of Public Works declares the significant movement of the northwest pinion gear (main lifting gear) of the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge to be an emergency in which the public health and welfare is endangered unless prompt action is taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works authorizes the proper City officials to waive bids or Class I Notices for the necessary repair work to provide a safe and functional transportation thoroughfare on the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge. The costs of the necessary emergency work at the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge shall be made available from the City's capital projects funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Justin Nickels, and/or Director of Public Infrastructure, Dan Koski, are authorized to sign any contracts necessary to effect repair work at the Eighth (8th) Street Lift Bridge, and shall forward those contracts on to the Common Council to be properly preserved in the public record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc determine by majority vote that the emergency no longer exists, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §62.15(1b).

INTRODUCED _____ ADOPTED _____

Justin M. Nickels APPROVED _____

Fiscal Impact:	\$15,000 estimated
Funding Source:	4300-34111-582360
Finance Director Approval:	/JMN
Approved as to form:	/EGN

This resolution was drafted by Gregory J. Minikel, Engineering Division Manager