



# Milwaukee County

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### SUPERVISOR JURSIK APPLAUDS DECISION TO RE-DECK THE HOAN

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik is pleased that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation plans to re-deck and rebuild the Hoan Bridge beginning in 2013.

“The iconic arch of the Hoan is the linchpin to economic development in the South Shore,” Supervisor Jursik said at a news conference with the Governor on Saturday. “Governor Walker was an early supporter of the Coalition to Save the Hoan. He understands why this bridge is critical to economic growth in our region, and I am pleased that he is making the reconstruction of this bridge a priority.”

Three years ago, the grassroots effort was developed to preserve the bridge for future generations. The Coalition worked hard to keep this issue at the forefront. In 2009, Supervisor Jursik, representing the Coalition, presented signed petitions from more than 8,000 individuals to then-Governor Jim Doyle asking him to preserve the Hoan Bridge. Their voices have finally been heard.

Since then, the County Board has voted unanimously to study the possible extension of I-794, and a study committee, Chaired by Supervisor Jursik, has already held four meetings on the subject. The Village of Caledonia in Racine County has also formed a study committee, and Supervisor Jursik has received calls from Racine County residents on the possible 794 extension.

“Along with the Aerotropolis around the airport and the Port of Milwaukee near downtown, we could be on the tip of a major economic boom along the South Shore in the next decade,” she added. “It’s definitely within our reach.”

Supervisor Jursik envisions the 794 corridor extending to Hwy 31 and, eventually, all the way to the Illinois state line. The South Shore is already experiencing population growth and promises to be focal point of new development.

More information on the Hoan Bridge reconstruction can be found by clicking [here](#).

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*(Supervisor Jursik pictured at the DOT news conference on Saturday.)*