

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R-25**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING
VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE RESOLUTION 2012-R-21
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROUTE IL 53 & THE RESULTING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2012 the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove unanimously approved Village Resolution 2012-R-21 "A Resolution Concerning The Proposed Extension Of Route IL 53 & The Resulting Environmental Impact On The Village Of Long Grove"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-R-21 stated that the Village of Long Grove strongly supports the non-negotiable design standards set forth in the Blue Ribbon Committee report, subject to full compliance with a new Environmental Impact Statement and contingent upon using the best practices performance standards to minimize environmental impact and reiterated specific Design Standards and Performance Standards included in the Blue Ribbon Committee Report; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-R-21 was conditioned upon the funding of the extension of Illinois Route 53, north of Lake Cook Road, entirely by the residents of the state of Illinois, not by the residents of Lake County and specifically not by Long Grove property owners; and

WHEREAS, as requested by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning ("**CMAP**") Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, the Village of Long Grove continues to support the Blue Ribbon Committee report as outlined in Village Resolution 2012-R-21 as indication of the Village's commitment to: (1) devote the time, staff, and resources to ensure that the Village's concerns are incorporated into the planning process; and (2) provide municipal information to the planning team.

WHEREAS, for all the foregoing reasons, the Village of Long Grove the Village and Board of Trustees determined it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to ratify Village of Long Grove Resolution 2012-R-21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

For all the foregoing reasons, the Village of Long Grove the Village and Board of Trustees determined it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to ratify Village of Long Grove Resolution 2012-R-21;

SECTION ONE: Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section One.

SECTION TWO. Authorizations. The Village Board hereby ratifies and re-approves Resolution 2012-R-21. The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the County of Lake, and all other interested persons who request a copy thereof.

SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 24th day of September, 2013.

AYES: (4) Trustees: Barry; Lyman; Marshall, and Yaeger.

NAYS: (0) None

ABSENT: (2) Trustees: Borys and Wachs

APPROVED this 24th day of September, 2013.

Village President, Angela Underwood

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Heidi Locker-Scheer

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**A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROUTE IL 53 &
THE RESULTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON
THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Long Grove recognizes the compelling need for solutions that address traffic congestion throughout Lake County and strongly supports solving existing severe congestion problems on arterial roadways through repair, modernization, reconstruction, and widening which would offer immediate and effective congestion relief; and

WHEREAS, In the event that the construction of the northern extension of Illinois Route 53 through Lake County is deemed necessary by the State or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to ease this congestion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed path of the Illinois Route 53 extension would traverse a number of environmentally sensitive and globally-significant wetlands if constructed within any of the previously identified routes--including, Long Grove Surrey Marsh, Heron Creek/Egret Marsh, and Indian Creek Marsh; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new road will expose additional unique and fragile ecological resources in Long Grove and throughout Lake County to vulnerability including, lakes and ponds, streams, native prairie remnants, restored ecosystems, and threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove lies directly in the zone of impact for the proposed road extension, with the resulting stormwater runoff, ground water quality, air quality, and noise mitigation immediately affecting the quality of life of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Lake County Board, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority established the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council to evaluate these environmental concerns and develop a regional consensus on recommended performance requirements of a new road, and suggest design characteristics for priority sensitive areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

For all the foregoing reasons, the Village of Long Grove hereby strongly supports the non-negotiable design standards set forth in the Blue Ribbon Committee report, subject to full compliance with a new Environmental Impact Statement and contingent upon using the best practices performance standards to minimize environmental impact. Specifically,

The Design Standards Include:

- Utilize a Classic Parkway Design with Tolling
- Acquisition Of Right Of Way (ROW) That is The Minimum Width Necessary For Four (4) Travel Lanes With Platted Scenic Corridor Easements Restricted For Non-roadway Purposes Along The Outside Edges Of The ROW
- Compliance With Environment Protection Agency (EPA) & National Pollution Discharge Eliminations System (NPDES) Requirements With All Compliance Expenses Being The Full Responsibility Of The Roadway Owners.
- Design Roadway for a Maximum Operation Speed of 45 Miles per Hour
- Use Pricing for Congestion Relief
- Utilize Onsite Stormwater Management Techniques That Mimic Natural Systems
- Enhance the Views of Residents and Drivers
- Use Innovative Roadway Lighting Techniques When Necessary
- Make Local Roadway Improvements for Safety and Congestion Relief
- Maintain Local Road Connections
- Consider Local Road Roundabouts
- Improve Connections for Bicyclists and Pedestrians In the Project Corridor
- Ensure Pedestrian Safety
- Provide Accommodations for Alternative Transit

The Performance Standards Include:

- Protect Open Space
- Mitigate 100% of Direct Impacts
- Compensate for Wetland Impacts
- Compensate for all Other Impacts
- Ensure Plant Community Health
- Reduce Stormwater Runoff Volume
- Ensure the Highest Water Quality
- Protect and Enhance Streams
- Use Alternative Deicing Approaches
- Improve Air Quality
- Reduce Neighborhood Traffic
- Reduce Travel Time
- Maintain Existing Speeds on Local Roads
- Minimize Traffic Noise
- Minimize Energy and Material Use

In addition, if the State or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority proceeds with the extension of Illinois Route 53, north of Lake Cook Road, the Village of Long Grove supports funding of this project entirely by the residents of the state of Illinois, not by the residents of Lake County and specifically not by Long Grove property owners.

SECTION 1. The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the County of Lake, and all other interested persons who request a copy thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 11th day of September, 2012.

AYES: (6) Trustees Barry, Marshall, Schmitt, Underwood, Wachs and Weber

NAYS: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2012.

Village President, Maria Rodriguez

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Karen Schultheis

Mr. Randy Blankenhorn
Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: Support for Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use, Transportation, and Open Space Plan

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

The board/council of the Village/City understands that implementation of preliminary phases of Illinois Route 53/120 is moving forward consistent with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC). A critical component of planning and construction for the Illinois Route 53/120 corridor involves an in-depth analysis and planning process to develop a consensus- and market-based corridor land use plan (Corridor Plan) that balances economic development, open space and natural resource protection, transportation, and community character goals across municipalities, as recommended by the BRAC. The final deliverable is expected to be a land use plan for areas within the Corridor, including land within the jurisdictions of corridor municipalities as well as unincorporated land, some of which may eventually be annexed by adjacent communities.

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In order to support and facilitate this process, please accept this letter in support of the project and as an indication of our commitment to:

- Devote the time, staff, and resources necessary to fully participate in meetings, workshops, and other activities and discussions with project partners, including corridor municipalities, Lake County, CMAP, the Illinois Tollway Authority, and others, to ensure that the Village's concerns are incorporated into the planning process.
- Provide municipal information to the planning team such as GIS or other geospatial data; economic and market data; plans, policies, and ordinances; and other data and information.
- Strive to work towards and adopt a consensus-based land use plan that addresses and incorporates the principles and strategies outlined in the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council resolution as an official municipal plan and policy, upon which construction of Illinois Route 53/120 is contingent.

On behalf of the residents and the Village/City, I support this project and the efforts of the project partners.

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Sincerely,

Mayor/Village President

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2006-R-29

**A RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ROUTE IL 53 (FAP 342) &
AMENDING THE VILLAGE BUDGET FOR THE OPPOSITION THEREOF**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Village of Long Grove recognizes the compelling need for solutions that address traffic congestion throughout Lake County and strongly supports solving existing severe congestion problems on arterial roadways through repair, modernization, reconstruction, and widening which would offer effective congestion relief at a much lower cost than constructing the extension,

WHEREAS, The Village of Long Grove recognizes the compelling need for solutions that address traffic congestion throughout Lake County and strongly supports solving existing severe congestion problems through public transportation such as: expanding the E, J & E rail line to establish a Metra commuter service; eliminating at-grade crossings for the North Central commuter line to maximize the efficiency of existing roadways; promoting and implementing park-and-ride bus connections to local commercial and office park centers; Intermodal infrastructure improvements, such as bicycle and walking paths; and,

WHEREAS, There are limited funds available for road construction, maintenance, and repair. The funds that are available should be used to upgrade and maintain existing roadways, such as Route 22 and Route 45, instead of constructing a new road which would be tremendously more expensive since much more right-of-way would be required for a new road than the expansion of the existing right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, Extending FAP 342 (Illinois Route 53 Extension) will increase traffic on the existing arterial roads and intersections throughout Lake County that have been identified as being greatly congested and in need of expansion/improvements without the additional traffic generated by Illinois Route 53; and,

WHEREAS, The construction of Illinois Route 53 Extension, as designated, would focus economic pressure on development rural areas where development is not desired and divert economic pressure for development in existing cities within Lake County which desire such growth, such as the Cities of Waukegan, North Chicago, and Zion; and,

WHEREAS, The Illinois Route 53 Extension would attract unwanted and unnecessary suburban sprawl, remove jobs from central urban areas, add to an already accelerating rate of development throughout Lake County promoting new suburban type development along this new corridor and self-defeating the avowed purpose for the extension in the first place, traffic control and amelioration of the existing heavy traffic problems in Lake County; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed Illinois Route 53 Extension would traverse and irretrievably damage a number of environmentally sensitive areas including: the flood plain and marsh wetlands off of Indian Creek in Hawthorn Woods; wetlands and flood plain between Diamond Lake and Sylvan Lake, which is a main drainage pattern; wetlands and flood plain east of Countryside Lake; major wetland area at or near the intersection of Midlothian and Route 83, west of Mundelein; major wetland areas immediately south of Grayslake; major marsh area in the southern portion of Long Grove northerly of Lake Cook Road; the large marsh complex immediately north of the property commonly known as the Brickman Farm in Long Grove, which is used by wild fowl and other wild game; A portion of the natural area in Deerwood Estates Subdivision within Long Grove. It would cutoff a substantial portion of the lots from the balance of the development. It would disrupt and destroy the wetland and sensitive upland conservancy soils; the Long Grove/Kildeer marsh (#72) in Long Grove; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of the northern extension of Illinois Route 53 through Lake County would have numerous negative environmental consequences such as irreparable damage to wetlands, wildlife and native species, increased risk of flooding; increased noise pollution, ground water contamination, lower air quality within Long Grove and Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove opposes the northern extension of Illinois Route 53 through Lake County due to its limited access, negative environmental consequences, damage to the rural character of communities within its path, and the acceleration of improper development and suburban sprawl that the proposed alternative would bring to Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove challenges the State of Illinois and the County of Lake to put forth new alternatives reflecting immediately attainable and viable solutions to the traffic congestion adversely impacting the quality of life of Lake County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Village of Long Grove hereby strenuously objects to the currently designated extension of Illinois Route 53 north of Lake Cook Road. The Village of Long Grove will take all lawful steps available to prevent the construction of this improvement. Long Grove submits that the Illinois Department of Transportation should give great consideration to this resolution since Long Grove would be one of the communities most directly and adversely affected by this extension.

SECTION 2. The Village Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the County of Lake, and all other interested persons who request a copy thereof.

SECTION 3. The Village Manager is authorized and directed to prepare an ordinance amending the Village Budget FY 06-07 increasing the "Route 53" line item to \$50,000 in opposition of the proposed Illinois Route 53 Extension.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS 26th DAY OF September, 2006.

AYES: (6) Barry, Borawski, Hannon, Klein, Lazakis, and Schmitt

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF September, 2006.

Village President, Maria Rodriguez

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Karen Schultheis